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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,  
IS - C, DAYLET. REMYRAD JULY FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING MEMORIAL  
MEETING JULY SIXTEEN AT PARK MANOR. [REDACTED]

ADVISES THIS MEETING HELD AS SCHEDULED AND ATTENDED BY  
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN HUNDRED PERSONS. SPEAKERS INCLUDED  
MRS. MORTON SOBELL, JOSEPH BRAININ, AND DAVID ALMAN. THE  
MEETING WAS HELD TO INITIATE A MOVEMENT TO SECURE THE TRANSFER  
OF MORTON SOBELL FROM ALCATRAZ. MRS. SOBELL DISCUSSED THE  
ROSENBERG CASE, CLAIMING HER HUSBAND IS INNOCENT. BRAININ  
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, AND ALMAN, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
OUTLINED PLANS OF THE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A TRUST FUND FOR  
THE ROSENBERG CHILDREN AND TO FORCE SOBELL'S TRANSFER AND SECURE  
HIS ULTIMATE RELEASE. [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 7/21/53

FROM : ELDRED W. COX, SA (100-107111)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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On 6/23/53 [REDACTED]

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These documents reflected the following:

A statement issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case reflecting that the Committee sent a telegram to the President requesting an appointment following the Supreme Court decision.

A text of a telegram to President EISENHOWER requesting an appointment.

A statement on the execution of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG stating that the nation is less secure as a result of the execution.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA J. J. FEEHLEY

SUBJECT : NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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July 21, 1953

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DR. BERNARD M. LOOMER, DEAN  
DIVINITY SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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WASHINGTON HOTEL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Before returning to Chicago Reverend Dr. Bernard M. Loomer, Dean of the Divinity School, Chicago University made public his report to the more than 100 prominent Protestant clergymen who supported his request for a personal audience with the President which was granted this afternoon June 16,

Dr. Loomer's report reads in part as follows:

" The more than 100 of you who last March 6th supported my request to the President for an opportunity to present personally to him the joint appeal for clemency for the Rosenbergs signed by 2300 clergymen will wish this first hand report of our interview with him this afternoon.

The President received us most graciously. In our half hour with him, we presented fully our position that commutation of the death penalty was much more in our humane and democratic tradition than the execution. He listened with close attention to our argument that clemency would be an indication of our national strength rather than our national weakness, and far more likely to improve our position of leadership among the Western Democracies.

The President referred to his military experience during which he felt compelled to order an execution as a disciplinary measure and deterrent for violation of the military code. The President however, did not state what his decision will be regarding the execution of the Rosenbergs.

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July 8, 1953

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Dear *Mr. Lomera*

Mr. Emanuel Bloch, attorney for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, has assumed responsibility for the raising of funds for the Rosenberg children pending establishment of a trust fund in their behalf.

Mr. Bloch has taken this responsibility, with the agreement and request of our committee, in order that all monies collected for the Rosenberg children should be exclusively handled by the legal trustee of Michael and Robbie.

We have already notified all of our committees to this effect.

We urge you to do everything possible to ensure the establishment of the fund. We suggest that you ask those people who were to attend the Children's Fund meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, which is cancelled, to communicate directly with Mr. Bloch, Trustee, at 401 Broadway, N.Y. 13, N.Y., to offer their assistance.

Sincerely,

*Norma Aronson*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

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FROM: SA J. J. FEEHLEY

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW DOMINIC DE SORRELL  
JUSTICE IN THE DE SORRELL CASE  
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CSNY 48, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26 Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all of which have been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to fall within the purview of Executive Order 9835. In addition, other Communist Party front groups and individual Communist Party members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address. Prior to 2/1/53 the State and National Offices of the Civil Rights Congress were located at this address. Subsequent to that date space in the building has been occupied by SRT Publications, Inc., publishers of "New World Review" formerly known as "Soviet Russia Today" which has been cited as a Communist Front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 6/25/42 and 3/29/44.

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*[Signature]*

1050 SIXTH AVENUE  
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Dear Friend:

The future of Michael and Robbie Rosenberg weighs heavily on our hearts and minds these days. We feel that every possible effort should be made to guarantee the Rosenberg children a carefree, healthy childhood and an adequate education to prepare them for a useful, full life. Equally important is that the Rosenberg children grow up feeling that their parents have been full vindicated and that the name they bear is an honored one throughout the world.

Mr. Emanuel H. Bloch was appointed, by Ethel and Julius, Trustee of the funds for the Rosenberg children. He has assured us that he is in the process of setting up such a Trust Fund as the authorized agency to receive and disburse the funds in accordance with the wishes expressed by Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

We are, therefore, urging all our friends to address their donations for the Trust Fund to Mr. Bloch, Trustee, 401 Broadway, N.Y. 13, N.Y.

It goes without saying that we, who have labored incessantly to save the Rosenbergs and reunite them with their children, are vitally interested in and tremendously concerned with building up a Trust Fund for the Rosenberg children, a fund which would guarantee the future of Michael and Robbie.

The responsibility for the establishment of the Rosenberg Trust Fund rests solely with Mr. Bloch. It is his legal as well as personal duty. However, our committee has undertaken a very important task, a task which should add substantially to the resources of the Trust Fund. We refer to the sale of the Death House Letters. As you know, the entire profits of the sale of this book are assigned by our committee to the Trust Fund.

The distribution of the book of letters is our obligation. With your wholehearted cooperation, it can serve a double purpose:

1. It should produce substantial monies for the Rosenberg Trust Fund.
2. It will contribute much toward the dissemination of the truth about the innocence of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

Thus a large distribution of the letters will serve as a powerful factor in the vindication of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

However, even the widest possible distribution of the letters cannot by itself achieve this end.

The Rosenbergs can win vindication only if we succeed in securing justice for Morton Sobell, no defendant in the Rosenberg case, who has been sentenced to a living death for 30 years in Alcatraz, America's penitentiary for hardened criminals.

By undertaking the responsibility to secure justice for Morton Sobell, we reopen the entire Rosenberg Case. This is the primary task that confronts the forces who fought for the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The sacred obligation we must assume if we intend to make certain that a Rosenberg-Sobell frame-up does not happen again.

We urge you to work fully with your local committee to prosecute the work in every respect. Particularly, we urge your full support in the great Dedication Rally at Triboro Stadium, Randall's Island, N.Y. on the evening of August 19th, 1953 or to your local Dedication Rally.

We appeal to you to help us achieve victory.

Joseph Brainin,  
Chairman

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 22, 1953

FROM : SA J. J. DOHERTY

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SOCIETIES TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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*J. J. Doherty*

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IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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PRESS RELEASE

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PAMPHLET SAYS SUPREME COURT

NEVER REVIEWED FAIRNESS OF ROSENBERG TRIAL

OR READ COURT RECORD

Urge New Trial for Morton Sobell

NEW YORK, N.Y., July 14, 1953 — A pamphlet pointing out that the U.S. Supreme Court never passed on the fairness of the Rosenberg Trial or the justness of the sentence, and that the High Court never even read the record of the Rosenberg trial, was published today by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

The pamphlet, titled "Did the Rosenbergs Have Full Measure of Justice?" quotes Supreme Court justices in refuting the claim that the Rosenberg case was thoroughly aired in the courts.

On the front cover of the pamphlet, which consists of eight pages, is a picture of Justice Hugo Black with the following quotation from Justice Black's dissent from the reversal of stay granted by Justice Douglas:

"This Court has never reviewed this record and has never affirmed the fairness of the trial."

The pamphlet quotes the views by Justices Douglas, Frankfurter and Black that the execution of the Rosenbergs may have been illegal. All three felt there was substantial question on whether the death sentence was legally imposed.

Justice Black, the pamphlet points out, said in his dissent that he doubted whether the Supreme Court had the right to set aside the stay granted by Justice Douglas.

The pamphlet calls for a new trial for Morton Sobell, the third defendant in the Rosenberg Case.

"There is still time to halt a miscarriage of justice in the case of Morton Sobell," the pamphlet states. "Sobell, convicted on the word of a man who faced a perjury indictment, was sentenced to 30 years in Alcatraz. He swears he is completely innocent..."

"The many and grave doubts surrounding the entire Rosenberg case call for a new trial for Morton Sobell. He must get the full day in court that the Rosenbergs never had."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 22, 1953

FROM : SA J. J. HANLEY

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JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MANY PUBLICATIONS UNEASY  
OVER ROSENBERG EXECUTION

NEW YORK, JULY 8, —A survey made by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case indicates an uneasiness concerning the legal and moral aspects of the execution of the Rosenbergs on the part of many leading publications and columnists throughout the country. A sample of some of the comments follows:

The influential St. Louis Post-Dispatch, pointing out that the U.S. Supreme Court never passed on the merits of the case against the Rosenbergs, suggested in an editorial that the law be revised so the Court be required to review all death sentences.

"If such a review were required of the Supreme Court by act of Congress," the Post-Dispatch said, "it would not have been possible for the Rosenbergs to appeal six times to the Supreme Court and six times to be turned away without a review of the merits of the case. The Supreme Court would not now be criticised for having failed to assume what appears to have been an obvious duty."

Syndicated Columnist, Dorothy Thompson, while noting in the Washington Star on June 24th, that she believed the Rosenbergs guilty, wrote:

"Yet it is most unhappy that the Rosenbergs should have died with two eminent justices of the Supreme Court questioning the validity of the sentence or even the indictment."

(Justice Frankfurter made public his dissent after Dorothy Thompson's column was written thus making three judges who dissented)

"Although the case dragged out," she continued, "there was at the end, it seemed, an unfortunate element of haste. The dissenting opinions will keep the case alive."

The Nation, internationally-known weekly publication, branded as "immoral" the claim that the Rosenbergs had "due process" in the courts.

"The execution of the Rosenbergs was a sickening and disheartening failure—of the American conscience, of the American sense of



fairly, of American moral leadership and of American justice," the Nation said in an editorial on June 27th.

"The plain fact is that the Supreme Court consistently refused to review the case, and the substantial point on which Justice Douglas relied in granting a stay was only considered in the most oblique manner, and with such indecent haste that two members of the court felt compelled to enter vigorous protests over the speed-up ordered by the Attorney General," the Nation added.

Columnist Jack Bell wrote in the Miami, Florida, Herald on June 20th: "The feature I don't like is that the Rosenbergs are punished more severely than others just as guilty."

Even before the Supreme Court reversed Justice's Douglas stay of execution, columnist Royce Brier wrote in the San Francisco Chronicle of June 19th that "it is doubtful if, in the circumstances, the Government was wise in its endeavor to escape 'full argument and deliberation' on the point raised, regardless of any decision the full court may hand down".

The Washington Post criticized the "barbaric and obscene" character of the gruesome details of the execution as described in the newspapers. It also rebuked the behavior of those who conducted a counter-demonstration against the thousands who gathered at the White House to appeal for clemency. The Post said on June 30th: "Any civilized person who happened to pass by must—whatever his opinion about the justice or wisdom of the sentences—have been startled by the ferocious animus reflected in the placards carried by some of the marchers: 'Fry 'em! ... Sizzle 'em! ...; and he must have shuddered if he heard the exultant cheers when the news of the execution was announced."

Columnist Robert Smith, writing in the Berkshire Eagle of Pittsfield, Mass., on June 29th, refuted the contention that the Rosenbergs were responsible for the death of American boys in Korea, as Judge Kaufman had claimed in passing sentence. Citing the complex factors

behind the Korean situation, Smith wrote: "But it makes the brain ache to figure all these things out. Better to grab up a scapegoat or two—preferably communists, the less attractive the better, exterminate them quickly and have the whole matter settled. If only those two little children would not cry so!"

Hazette and Daily of York, Pa., said in an editorial: "It is our sincere and considered opinion that with the killing of the Rosenbergs we have put ourselves and our democratic way of life in dire danger." The paper said that if the nation was not "living in a period of fear and hysteria the chances are that we would never have had the bad judgment to try, convict and kill the Rosenbergs as we did."

The Lakeland Ledger of Florida, while noting the arguments against the execution, said in an editorial on June 21st that it believed "legal justice" had been done but questioned whether there had been moral justice. The paper said:

"As to whether moral justice is done, we may have to wait until Judgment Day to know for certain."

The American Hebrew, weekly newspaper in New York, while believing the Rosenbergs were tried fairly, questioned the wisdom of the death penalty in an editorial on June 26th titled "Democracy Was Not Served."

"In the perspective of history," the American Hebrew said, "it will be seen that the handling of this case was not in accord with the lofty biblical ideals of humanitarianism, nor in keeping with the spirit of Christian mercy, and it will be difficult to shed the conviction that the cause of democracy has not been served well."

Samuel S. Gach, writing in the June 19th issue of the Los Angeles Jewish Voice, referred to the death sentence as "born in fear" and commented: "I hope Judge Kaufman still feels justice has been done. God help him, for he has done greater damage to his country and his people than the good he imagined would result from the unprecedented order to kill."

The haste with which the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the stay granted by Justice Douglas was criticized by the American Jewish World of Minneapolis. In an editorial on June 26th, the paper suggested that had more time been allowed, Justice Frankfurter might have changed the views of some of the other Supreme Court justices.

Declaring that the court's hasty action did not reflect credit on that august body, the editorial said: "Hasty action on the part of a court is called for only when it is a question of saving a life. A death sentence which waited two years could have been delayed a



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little longer.

As for the effects of the execution abroad, George W. Herald of Overseas News Agency wrote from Paris that the case served as an outlet for a deep-felt resentment against the United States "rallying all strata of French society" from the right-wing to the Communists.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C.  
 DAYLET. [REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED A COPY OF CIRCULAR  
 LETTER RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL ROSENBERG COMMITTEE CONCERNING TRUST FUND  
 BEING ESTABLISHED FOR THE ROSENBERG CHILDREN. THE LETTER STATES QUOTE  
 THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROSENBERG TRUST FUND  
 RESTS SOLELY WITH MR. BLOCH. IT IS HIS LEGAL AS WELL AS PERSONAL DUTY.  
 HOWEVER, OUR COMMITTEE HAS UNDERTAKEN A VERY IMPORTANT TASK, A TASK WHICH  
 SHOULD ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE RESOURCES OF THE TRUST FUND. WE REFER TO  
 THE SALE OF THE DEATH HOUSE LETTERS. AS YOU KNOW, THE ENTIRE PROFITS OF  
 THE SALE OF THIS BOOK ARE ASSIGNED BY OUR COMMITTEE TO THE TRUST FUND.  
 UNQUOTE. A LARGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BOOK IS URGED TO QUOTE SERVE AS A  
 POWERFUL FACTOR IN THE VINDICATION OF ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG. UNQUOTE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: July 28, 1953

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-41648)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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On July 17, 1953, [REDACTED]  
Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles,  
457 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, advised SA EDWARD H.  
MADDEN that on July 10, 1953, a check in the amount of  
five dollars (\$5), and drawn by <sup>Congressman</sup> BETH MEYER V.  
SHOAREY BRACHO, 216 Rutledge Street, Brooklyn, New York,  
RABBI MEYER SHRAFF, President, was deposited to the account  
of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the  
Rosenberg Case. This check was drawn on the National City  
Bank of New York, Homestead Branch, Brooklyn, New York.,  
and was payable to DAVID BROWN. [REDACTED] original notes  
are located in LA 100-41648-1A-220.

It is noted that on July 20, 1953, [REDACTED]  
advised SA EDWARD H. MADDEN that DAVID BROWN is the Executive  
Secretary of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in  
the Rosenberg Case.

The above is furnished for your information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 7/27/53

FROM : SA WILLIS W. WALL

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 6/25/53, [redacted] furnished SA WILLIS W. WALL a typewritten report concerning the "prayer meeting" held to secure clemency for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, under the auspices of the LA Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs, Monday, 6/8/53, at the Embassy Auditorium, 9th and Grand, Los Angeles, California. The original report is filed [redacted]

The main hall and all the balconies were filled to capacity (about 2,000 people).

The chairman was Mrs. DANIEL G. MARSHALL. Speakers were: DANIEL G. MARSHALL, IGNACIO LOPEZ, Rev. CARL CRAIN, DAVID ALTMAN, Rev. WENDEL MILLER, Rev. HUGH WESTON, Rev. GLEN RANDOLPH, a Negro, GALE SONDERGAARD, DAVID BROWN, and Rabbi MAYER SHARFF from New York.

Invocation was given by Negro Baptist preacher GLEN RANDOLPH, the only preacher who was not provocative as the other preachers and speakers. All of the other preachers were very "red" in their performances. They criticized American Laws and the United States Government, stating that the "innocent ROSENBERGS were brutally framed by FBI and the renegade witnesses.

Rabbi MAYER SHARFF, from New York, received a standing ovation when he came onto the stage in his long, black silk coat and high silk hat. He spoke in Yiddish only.

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The Rev. HUGH WESTON, Unitarian Church, in his speech, said "The frame-up, hysteria, intimidation in the Rosenberg case and other peace-loving people is an instrument of present war-mongers who scare people and stop their demand for peace and justice."

Rev. CARL CRAIN of the Christian Church, said that he speaks in the name of 2300 Protestant clergymen, and made a prayer in the name of Catholic Priest (there were no Catholic priests present, except DANIEL G. MARSHALL who is supposedly a Catholic leader.)

Rev. CRAIN made the collection, first \$250. from the Emma Lazarus Chapter, other Jewish organizations gave \$200., and \$150., also many friends gave \$100., \$50., and \$20. Amount collected was announced \$3,200.40.

IGNACIO LOPEZ, Mexican newspaper man, spoke briefly and told the audience how he was advised by his people to break away from the progressives.

GAIL SONDERGAARD read ROSENBERG's son's letter to President EISENHOWER and also dramatized a poem by some poet SEGAL (?). She also added her own criticism about the "brutal conviction and frame-up of the innocent ROSENBERGS."

DAVID ALTMAN, "a national official on ROSENBERGS' defense," who came from New York accompanying Rabbi MAYER SHARFF in his tour, also spoke in defense of the ROSENBERGS.

The last speaker was DAVID BROWN, executive secretary of the LACSJRC. He spoke on the same subject as the others and with the similar viciousness about "American Fascists."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

On 6/25/53, [REDACTED] furnished SA WALL a mimeographed leaflet entitled "A Plan of Action" containing an outline of events to take place on behalf of the ROSENBERGS. Original leaflet is filed [REDACTED]

Also on 6/25/53, [REDACTED] furnished SA WALL a mimeographed leaflet entitled "Alerting the Friends of the Rosenbergs" in which DANIEL MARSHALL urges more support for FYKE FARMER, attorney, in his fight to save the ROSENBERGS. It also advertizes "The Word" by GUY A. ALDRED, and "The Suppressed Facts in the Rosenberg Case" by IRWIN EDELMAN. Original leaflet is filed [REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: July 28, 1953

FROM: SA J. J. FISHER

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF WORKERS  
JUSTICE L. LEON ROSSBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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CSNY 48, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26 Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all of which have been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to fall within the purview of Executive Order 9835. In addition, other Communist Party front groups and individual Communist Party members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address. Prior to 2/1/53 the State and National Offices of the Civil Rights Congress were located at this address. Subsequent to that date space in the building has been occupied by SRT Publications, Inc., publishers of "New World Review" formerly known as "Soviet Russia Today" which has been cited as a Communist Front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 6/25/42 and 3/29/44.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE

JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW DATE SET FOR

JUL 23 1953

ROSENBERG DEDICATION RALLY

NEW YORK, July 21-- The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case today announced that the date of the Rosenberg Dedication Rally at Randall's Island Stadium had been postponed to Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The rally, which will continue the fight for justice in the Rosenberg Case by launching a fight for a new trial for Morton Sobell, was originally scheduled for August 19. However the Committee said the date had been changed to enable the rally to hear reports by Committee representatives now on a nation-wide tour to survey plans being made by some 40 committees throughout the country.

Morton Sobell, who is serving a 30-year sentence on Alcatraz following conviction in the Rosenberg trial, swears he is innocent. The only "evidence" against him was the word of a single witness, Max Elitcher, who faced a perjury indictment for lying to the government.

Tickets will sell for \$1.00 plus tax, with field seats priced at \$1.50 plus tax. Persons under 16 will be admitted free. Tickets for the original August date will be honored.

Tickets are on sale at the offices of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

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SAC , LOS ANGELES

7/30/53

SA VINCENT J. O'NEILL

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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On June 17, 1953, a written report was received by SA VINCENT J. O'NEILL via mail from [REDACTED] regarding a meeting of the above-captioned group held at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, on June 8, 1953. This report is filed in [REDACTED] and reflects the following:

DOROTHY MARSHALL was chairman and opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. flag, which was followed by a prayer led by Reverend RANDOLPH.

DAN MARSHALL, an attorney, then spoke and mentioned that he made a study of the Rosenberg case and was certain that the facts were not clear or correct. He was followed by GALE (SONDERGAARD), an actress, who urged clemency for the Rosenbergs and then Reverend PRAYNE (CRAIN) made the pitch and a total of \$3,200.04 was realized it was announced.

The next speaker was a man by the name of (DAVID) ALMAN, who introduced a Rabbi (MEYER SHARFF) who spoke in Yiddish.

According to informant, all speakers at this meeting spoke briefly of clemency for the Rosenbergs and urged prayer on their behalf and asked the audience to write or wire the president, asking for clemency for the Rosenbergs. A letter was then read from MICHAEL ROSENBERG, the son of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, which was written to President Eisenhower.

The meeting closed at approximately 11:00 PM.

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SAC, CLEVELAND (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (OHIO COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS) INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950 (Origin: New York)

Reference report of SA EDWARD J. CAHILL, 5/28/53, New York.

An article in the Cleveland News, Cleveland daily newspaper, dated December 23, 1952 reflected that Mrs. MARGERY POSNER, 1692 Krest Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, had rented a post office box for the receipt of contributions to a Rosenberg Defense Fund.

On February 24, 1953, MARGERY POSNER admitted to Agents upon being interviewed that she was secretary of the Cleveland Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in 1952. It is noted that the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front.

The records of the Central National Bank, Cleveland, which were made available to SA ROBERT S. BURGINS, JR., reflect that MARGERY R. POSNER, 1692 Krest Road, Cleveland Heights, opened a special commercial account at that bank on December 4, 1952. MARGERY POSNER also maintains a regular commercial account at this bank.

The ledger of the Central National Bank reflects the following activity in the special account which was opened on December 4, 1952.

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<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
	332.71	12/4/52	332.71
	175.00	12/10	580.11
	247.40	12/9	755.11
247.40		12/11	507.71
	1,300.00	12/22	1,807.71
	560.00	12/24	2,367.71
700.00	215.35	12/30	1,883.06
1,000.00		12/31	883.06
100.00		1/7/53	783.06
100.00		1/8	683.06
332.71	815.00	1/9	1,498.06
			1,165.35
	44.00	1/14	1,209.35
	60.00	1/20	1,269.35
700.00		1/21	487.53
81.82			
485.00		2/5/53	2.53
	987.00	2/16	989.53
500.00		2/18	489.53
200.00		2/20	289.53
51.00		2/24	238.53
25.00		3/3/53	213.53
13.70		3/9	199.83
	8.10	3/16	207.93
	281.00	3/17	488.93
	150.00	3/18	638.93
		3/19	638.83
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49.44		3/31	134.39
500.00	45.00	4/14/53	303.39
	169.00	4/20	203.39
100.00		4/21	168.39
35.00		4/22	168.07
.32 so		5/6/53	158.07
10.00		5/11	195.07
70.00	37.00	5/28	125.07
		6/11/53	943.32
800.00	818.25	6/18	143.32
.13 so		6/19	143.19
		6/30	234.99
200.00	91.80	7/2/53	38.99
	4.00		

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No information is available concerning the payee of checks drawn on this account. A review of the deposit slips reflects that the deposits consisted primarily of cash and checks drawn on Cleveland banks. However, the identity of the person using checks which were deposited is not available at this time.

[REDACTED] to identify the individual contributors and to examine the checks drawn on the account in order to determine the deposits of funds.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE  
FROM: FHG

June 19, 1950

Re: David Greenglass

OJR and I visited Mrs. Greenglass at her home, 285 Rivington Street, Brooklyn, New York, at 4:00 P.M. Sunday, June 18, 1950. She was in bed as she had just returned from the hospital.

We first discussed the question of arranging a meeting of various relatives at our office to discuss financial problems. The relatives proposed are as follows:

1. Abe Felt  
1039 Union Street  
Brooklyn, New York  
Tel. STerling 3-6473  
Business Address:  
810 Washington Street  
Tel. ST 3-6073
2. Mr. Felt is father-in-law of Louis Cohen,  
80 Lefferts Avenue  
Telephone: Jacob Cohen & Son  
Euckminster 2-7103
3. Norman Brown (Friend of the family)  
7981 Louis Street  
Telephone OP 4-3609
4. Barney Berkel (A cousin)  
2124 East 26th Street  
Telephone: DE 2-0312
5. Sam Greenglass  
1294 Carroll Street  
Telephone:
6. Ross Stein (Friend)
7. Stella Silverman (Friend)

There were subsequently present during the conference: Issy Felt, Sam Greenglass, Bernard Greenglass, and Louis Abel.

Mrs. Greenglass discussed her visit to New Mexico. She was there between March 1945 and March 1946. They had been married in 1942. She feels that New Mexico is a very bad place to try the case since the citizens did not like GI's, because of the big boom and then the big slack, because of anti-coalition and because the local citizens all felt bitter about the wives of the GI's taking jobs there. She was employed in Albuquerque by the WPA and temporarily by the Soil Conservation Office.

As to her husband, she stated that he had a "tendency to hysteria". At other times he would become delirious and once when he had the grippe he ran nude through the hallway, shrieking of "elephants", "Lead Pants".

She had known him since she was ten years old. She said that he would say things were so even if they were not. He talked of suicide as if he were a character in the movies but she didn't think he would do it. They had been under surveillance by the FBI for several weeks. In particular, they had noticed a car of the Acme Construction Company, 1400 First Avenue in Manhattan. She ascertained there was no such Company. (There is an Acme Construction Company at 1402 Fulton Street in Brooklyn). She was interviewed at the hospital by two FBI men, Mr. Tully and Mr. Wood. One was tall, ruddy and dark. The other she described as toothy and short. They assured her that they had nothing against her.

She described her stay in Albuquerque and stated that she could not remember all of her addresses. Since it was difficult for GI's to get rooms for a long period, they had lived in five or six places. She had only been to Los Alamos to a party for a few hours one time. She had remembered no visitors at her house. She had notice of the project and signed an affidavit for it. She knew her mail was censored. She would not have allowed her husband to bring anything home after Hiroshima had disclosed what the project was. She intended to raise a family and did not want that kind of material around. In the future she will refer everyone to her lawyer.

She pointed out Dave did not ask for the job; that he was going overseas; that they have been watched constantly and feels as if they are the object of prosecution. Shortly before their accident the FBI asked if they had a specimen of uranium in the house, in the course of what they call a routine investigation. One of their friends had a similar experience.

People in the neighborhood want to raise a petition.

All newspapers are to be referred to her lawyer.

People keep flocking in the house to offer support and advice including that perhaps a right-wing lawyer should be selected. The Jewish Daily Forward, which is certainly not a leftist newspaper, is very excited about the anti-semitic issue and has offered a lawyer. Mrs. Greenglass urged OJR to try. OJR pointed out that if Dave was innocent he should talk; that if not it would be advisable not to talk but to let the Government prove its case. The third course was that of cooperation. That was also discussed at length.

There was a long discussion about SR.

Questions to be looked up:

1. Was the arrest valid - was he held in detention before the complaint issued?
2. What is the effect of the complaint?
3. What do the cases hold on the intent to harm the Government?
4. Statements of CoConspirators.
5. Venue
6. Joinder

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: August 3, 1953

FROM : SA J. J. FEEHLEY

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

( ) CSNY 425, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office, evidence concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This building is occupied by National Headquarters of the IWO.

(XX) CSNY 426, of known reliability made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National, State and N.Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

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SA J. J. FEEHLEY AND SA E. J. HARR

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Description of exhibit: A copy of the souvenir program of the ROSENBERG rally held at Triboro Stadium, Randall's Island, on Sunday April 26, 1953.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BRONX ROSENBERG MEETING  
TO MARK SECOND MONTH SINCE EXECUTION

NEW YORK, July 29--A meeting dedicated to the fight for justice in the Rosenberg case will be held by the Bronx Rosenberg Committee at Hunts Point Palace, Southern Boulevard and 163rd Street, Bronx, on Wednesday, August 19, at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place exactly two months after the evening when the young parents were executed in the face of world-wide demands for clemency.

It is being planned as a dedication to the fight to uncover all of the facts in the Rosenberg case and to obtain justice for Morton Sobell, the third defendant in the case.

Sobell, the father of two children, is serving 30 years in Alcatraz after his conviction on the word of an admitted perjurer. Sobell swears he is innocent.

Tickets for the meeting are 50 cents and are available at the Bronx Rosenberg Committee, 683 Allerton Ave., on weekdays between 8-11 p.m.

Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III  
Criminal Division

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
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PERSONNEL GUIDANCE  
CHIEF CLERK  
PROPERTY UNIT

Enclosed for your information is one  
Photostat of an article captioned "Coast Parley  
Maps Drive for Morton Sobell" which appeared on  
page two of the "Daily Worker" dated July 23, 1953.

This article reflects that as part of  
the campaign to secure a new trial for Sobell, a  
national conference will be held in September 1953  
to present a full report on the finances and achieve-  
ments of the captioned committee after which this  
committee would probably be dissolved and replaced  
by a Sobell committee. The conference will be  
held in the Midwest.

The article also states that the  
organizational structure of the committee will be  
changed in order to provide for three autonomous  
regions in the West, Midwest and East rather than  
a single committee centered in New York. The three  
regions would act separately; however, they would  
meet together in order to establish policy.

Enclosure

- 2 cc - New York (100-107111) (w/enclosure) *W*
- 2 cc - San Francisco (100-35117) (w/enclosure)
- 2 cc - Los Angeles (100-41648) (w/enclosure)
- 2 cc - Chicago (w/enclosure)

NOTE TO SAC'S NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO:

Enclosed for your information are two Photostats  
of the above-mentioned article appearing in the "Daily Worker"  
dated July 23, 1953.

You should be alert for the dissolution of the  
captioned organization and the forma  
Sobell committees within your territory.

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# Coast Parley Maps Drive for Morton Sobell

By HELEN EDELMAN  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—Over 100 persons this weekend held a conference to map a campaign to win a new trial for Morton Sobell and his removal from the medieval Alcatraz jail where he is now held.

Sobell's wife, Helen, took part in the conference at 150 Golden Gate Ave., only a few miles from the grim island where her husband is held.

As part of the campaign to secure a new trial for Sobell, members of the local and national committees to secure justice in the Rosenberg case called for:

- A full page advertisement on behalf of Sobell in a major San Francisco newspaper. The ad would be sponsored by 1,000 signers contributing \$1 each.

- A national conference in September to present a full report on finances and achievements of the Rosenberg Committee, after which the committee would probably be dissolved and replaced by a Sobell Committee. The conference will be held in the Midwest.

- Changing the organizational structure of the committee to provide for three autonomous regions in the West, Midwest and East rather than a single committee centered in New York. The three regions would act separately but meet together to establish policy.

- Establishment of a national legal committee to consult with Sobell's attorneys.

### FINAL POLICY

Joseph Brainin, chairman of the National Rosenberg Committee, and David Alman, executive secretary, noted that final policy as to how the campaign should be carried out should be made after discussion with Rosenberg-Sobell committees in all parts of the country.

Francis McTernan, who outlined legal factors in the Sobell case, explained that the 36-year-old engineer still has an appeal pending in the New York courts as well as the possibility of action by the Supreme Court on the grounds that Sobell should have been tried on a separate indictment from Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

He stressed, however, that the case of Morton Sobell will not be won by lawyers and courts, but by the people. "I don't think any other case has proven so dramatically and tragically (as the Rosenberg-Sobell case) how inadequate law is in a political case," McTernan observed.

### 1,100 AT RALLY

LOS ANGELES, July 22.—The men and women who fought for the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg pledged a "fight for truth" in a campaign to free Morton Sobell

from Alcatraz prison. Eleven hundred persons jammed Park Manor ballroom to pledge support to "the widest possible movement" for Sobell's immediate transfer from Alcatraz, and ultimate reversal of the 30 year sentence he received in the "conspiracy" trial that resulted in the death of the Rosenbergs.

Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of the imprisoned scientist, was joined by leaders of diverse sections of the community in the plea for unity in the "free Sobell" struggle.

Mrs. Sobell sketched in detail the facts of the frameup of Sobell, the FBI campaign to intimidate the Sobells to "become cooperative" and "confess" to a crime not even committed.

Like the Rosenbergs, Mrs. Sobell said her husband "is innocent and we stand together with the Rosenbergs who chose to die rather than lie."

Horace Alexander, national committeeman of the Progressive Party, and a leader of the Negro community here, stressed, "the identity of the Negro people, victimized for centuries, with these victims of frameup—the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell."

Alexander said the Negro community can be enlisted in the struggle for Sobell.

### ROLL OF LABOR

Reil Robinson, former national president of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union appealed to trade unionists to rally behind Sobell.

Freedom of Sobell, said Robinson, "is in the interests of the entire organized labor movement."

David Gruthman, president of the Southland Jewish Organizations, called for unity of the Jewish community and its leaders in the fight against "scapegoatism" which is reflected in the persecution of the Rosenbergs and Sobell.

### VINDICATION

Joseph Brainin, national chairman of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and David Alman, the committee's national executive secretary, outlined perspectives ahead in the campaign to establish a trust fund for the Rosenberg children, to force Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz and his ultimate release.

Alman stressed that the Rosenberg committee, in the words of Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, seek "not vengeance but vindication for the victims of the frameup."

This is a clipping from  
Page 2 of the  
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SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—Over 100 persons this weekend held a conference to map a campaign to win a new trial for Morton Sobell and his removal from the medieval island jail where he is now held.

Sobell's wife, Helen, took part in the conference at 150 Golden Gates Ave., only a few miles from the grim island where her husband is held.

As part of the campaign to secure a new trial for Sobell, members of the local and national Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case called for:

- A full page advertisement on behalf of Sobell in a major San Francisco newspaper. The ad would be sponsored by 1,000 signers contributing \$1 each.

- A national conference in September to present a full report on finances and achievements of the Rosenberg Committee, after which the committee would probably be dissolved and replaced by a Sobell Committee. The conference will be held in the Midwest.

- Changing the organizational structure of the committee to provide for three autonomous regions in the West, Midwest and East rather than a single committee centered in New York. The three regions would act separately but meet together to establish policy.

- Establishment of a national legal committee to consult with Sobell's attorneys.

### FINAL POLICY

Joseph Brainin, chairman of the National Rosenberg Committee, and David Alman, executive secretary, noted that final policy as to how the campaign should be carried out should be made after discussion with Rosenberg-Sobell committees in all parts of the country.

Francis McTernan, who outlined legal factors in the Sobell case, explained that the 38-year-old engineer still has an appeal pending in the New York courts as well as the possibility of action by the Supreme Court on the grounds that Sobell should have been tried on a separate indictment from Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

He stressed, however, that the case of Morton Sobell will not be won by lawyers and courts, but by the people. "I don't think any other case has proven so dramatically and tragically (as the Rosenberg-Sobell case) how inadequate law is in a political case," McTernan observed.

### 1,100 AT RALLY

LOS ANGELES, July 22.—The men and women who fought for the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg pledged a "fight for truth" in a demonstration to free Morton Sobell

from Alcatraz prison. Eleven hundred persons gathered in the Park Manor ballroom to pledge support to "the widest possible movement" for Sobell's immediate transfer from Alcatraz, and ultimate reversal of the 30 year sentence he received in the "conspiracy" trial that resulted in the death of the Rosenbergs.

Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of the imprisoned scientist, was joined by leaders of diverse sections of the community in the plea for unity in the "free Sobell" struggle.

Mrs. Sobell sketched in detail the facts of the frameup of Sobell, the FBI campaign to intimidate the Sobells to "become cooperative" and "confess" to a crime not even committed.

Like the Rosenbergs, Mrs. Sobell said her husband "is innocent and we stand together with the Rosenbergs who chose to die rather than lie."

Horace Alexander, national committeeman of the Progressive Party, and a leader of the Negro community here, stressed "the identity of the Negro people, victimized for centuries, with these victims of frameup—the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell."

Alexander said the Negro community could be enlisted in the struggle for Sobell.

### ROLE OF LABOR

Reid Robinson, former national president of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union appeared to trade unionists to rally behind Sobell.

Freedom of Sobell, said Robinson, "is in the interests of the entire organized labor movement."

David Cruthman, president of the Southland Jewish Organization, called for unity of the Jewish community and its leaders in the fight against "scapegoatism" which is reflected in the persecution of the Rosenbergs and Sobell.

### VINDICATION

Joseph Brainin, national chairman of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and David Alman, the committee's national executive secretary, outlined perspectives ahead in the campaign to establish a trust fund for the Rosenberg children, to force Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz and his ultimate release.

Alman stressed that the Rosenberg committee, in the words of Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, seeks "not vengeance but vindication for the victims of the frameup."

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: August 4, 1953

FROM : SA J. J. FERRELEY

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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# Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case

PRESS RELEASE

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## EASTERN SEABOARD CONFERENCE

### TO PLAN ROSENBERG CASE FIGHT

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NEW YORK, JULY 27--Plans for carrying on the fight for justice in the Rosenberg case will be discussed at an Eastern Seaboard conference Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16, at the Manhattan Towers Hotel in New York City, the National Committee to Secure Justice announced today.

Representatives of Rosenberg committees in states along the East Coast will participate in the conference, which will be similar to others being held throughout the country in preparation for a national conference to take place in the fall.

The sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Reports will be heard from representatives of the national Rosenberg Committee who are now touring the country.

The national committee's call for the Eastern Seaboard Conference said:

"It is timely that we consult with one another to take up the unfinished task to establish the truth in the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and to consider the case of the third co-defendant Morton Sobell, sentenced to the living death of Alcatraz for thirty years.

"It is timely for us to consult together to decide policy and to revamp our organization for the fight

DIRECTOR, FBI

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,  
 IS DASH C, DAYLET. [REDACTED]  
 ADVISES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT/<sup>TRUST</sup>FUND COMMITTEE FOR SUPPORT  
 OF ROSENBERG CHILDREN AN OUTGROWTH OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION,  
 IS CURRENTLY SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WELFARE OF THE  
 ROSENBERG CHILDREN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, LOCAL  
 TRUSTEES INCLUDE MANY CP MEMBERS. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING  
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT/<sup>TRUST</sup>FUND COMMITTEE FOR SUPPORT OF  
 THE ROSENBERG CHILDREN BEING HANDLED WITH PARENT ORGANIZATION  
 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT DEFINITELY DEVELOPS AS A DISTINCT  
 ORGANIZATION.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: August 5, 1953


FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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Page 8 of the "Daily Worker" dated July 27, 1953, carries an article captioned "Parley in N. Y. Aug. 15 - 16 on Justice in Rosenberg Case."

According to this article plans for carrying on the fight for justice in the Rosenberg case will be discussed at an Eastern Seaboard conference on August 15 - 16, 1953, at the Manhattan Towers Hotel in New York City. The article states that representatives of the Rosenberg committees in the states along the east coast will participate in this conference.

It is desired that your office afford coverage to the above-mentioned conference in order that the Bureau can be fully apprised of the future plans of the captioned committee.

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1188	8-15-53	Postmaster letter to SIKNY	1	-		Referred to PD.
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1198	8-20-53	LA letter to HQ	1	1		
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1210	9-2-53	SA Memo to SAC	4	4		
1211	9-3-53	SA Memo to SAC RE: 3rd Party	1	-		Referred to ATF
1212	9-4-53	NIH Report to File	9	9		
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NEW YORK CITY

August 10th. 1953.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
390 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear sirs:-

Enclosing letter received from "A Group of Your Neighbors" with re-  
turn address of M. Kennedy, 200 West 107th. St., Apt. 5-C, New York 25, N.Y.

As you will note, this letter was address<sup>d</sup> to [REDACTED]. We are  
both of the opinion that the enclosed letter is of a subversive nature and we  
believe that it deserves a complete investion, which you are most capable of  
handling.

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Yours very sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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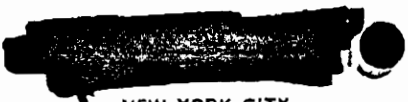
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. IS-C. DAY-LET. CO  
 BY NK OF A ROSENBERG MEMORIAL MEETING HELD AT CARPENTER'S HALL, LAKEWOOD  
 AUGUST 9, 1953, REFLECTS THAT THE COMMITTEE IS PLANNING TO CONCENTRATE ON  
 REMOVAL OF MORTON SOBELL FROM ALCATRAZ TO A "MORE SUITABLE PRISON." APPROXIMATELY  
 75 PEOPLE ATTENDED. A COLLECTION TAKEN UP AT THE MEETING AMOUNTED TO \$182  
 AND WILL BE USED IN THE EFFORT TO ULTIMATELY SECURE THE RELEASE OF MORTON SOBELL.  
 AT THIS MEETING BEN BACH, WHO TOOK CARE OF THE ROSENBERGS' CHILDREN AT HIS  
 HOME IN LAKEWOOD, APPEARED TO BE HONORARY CHAIRMAN. REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY TWO  
 UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN, WHO PRAISED THE ROSENBERGS. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE  
 NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE WILL HOLD  
 CONFERENCE, AUGUST 17 AND 18 IN NY, TO WHICH ALL LOCAL COMMITTEES ARE TO SEND  
 AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE. THE SALE OF THE ROSENBERG BOOK IS URGED AND THOSE  
 SELLING THE BOOK WERE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OVER THE \$1.00  
 PRICE, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT, WHICH IS TO CLEAR THE NAME OF THE  
 ROSENBERGS.

HOSTETTER

CC NEW YORK

CC 100-36202

REGISTERED MAIL

*Meeting being covered by [redacted]*

*J. Harrington*

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
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RADIOGRAM

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C. DAYLET. [REDACTED] ADVISES CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION HELD MEETING AUG. TEN LAST TO ELECT NEW STEERING COMMITTEE. THIRTYFIVE PERSONS ATTENDED AND MEETING CHAIRED BY <sup>REID</sup> ~~REID~~ ROBINSON. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE ELECTED AS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO ORGANIZE AND TO ACT AS STEERING COMMITTEE: SOPHIE DAVIDSON, HONORARY CHAIRMAN; HARRY FIERCE, CHAIRMAN; DAVE BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN; LORRAINE BINDER, VICE-CHAIRMAN; SOL ROSENTHAL, FINANCIAL SECRETARY; JUDY DUBOFF, RECORDING SECRETARY; JESSE BURNS, OFFICE SECRETARY. ALL PERSONS MENTIONED ABOVE EXCEPT BINDER AND ROSENTHAL HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN IDENTIFIED BY RELIABLE INFORMANTS AS CP MEMBERS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

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 b7D  
New York, N.Y.

Dear  b7D

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 1953, with enclosure.

Your interest in forwarding this information to us is indeed appreciated. You may be assured the matter will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

  
LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

NEW YORK, 8/13/53

BUREAU

EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH, WAS., SM-C, BUFILE ONE ZERO ONE DASH SIX SIX NINE ONE. JAMES T. GALLAGHER OF THE NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION ADVISED THIS DATE THAT AT THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE HEARING HELD AUGUST TWELVE LAST MR. HOOVER'S LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE ALLEGED WAGER BETWEEN HIM AND MR. BROWNELL WAS RECEIVED AND MARKED IN EVIDENCE WITHOUT OBJECTION BY BLOCH. BLOCH WAS SAID TO HAVE REMARKED THAT HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH ARRANGEMENT IN FACT BUT THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THERE WAS SUCH AN ARTICLE. GALLAGHER SAID THAT BLOCH WAS QUOTE ABJECT BUT NOT CONTRITE UNQUOTE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BUT THAT HE SEEMED CONCERNED AND WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THESE HEARINGS. GALLAGHER STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD REACHED A DECISION AS TO SOME DEFINITE ACTION BUT THAT HE WAS NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCLOSE WHAT IT WAS. MR. GALLAGHER WAS ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU WAS DESIROUS OF HAVING ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE PROCEEDINGS AS THEY DEVELOPED ON ANY BASIS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE WITHIN ITS RULES. GALLAGHER STATED THAT AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS HE COULD NOT DISCLOSE MORE THAN HAS BEEN SET OUT ABOVE BUT COULD SAY THAT ANY DECISION MADE BY THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1 - NY 100-89673 (JOSEPH BRAININ)
- ① - NY 100-107111 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR THE ROSENBERGS)
- 1 - NY 100-92876 (EMANUEL HIRSCH BLOCH)

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OF THE BAR. GALLAGHER ADVISED THAT HE HAD SUBPOENAED JOSEPH BRAININ, HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR THE ROSENBERGS, TO TESTIFY AT YESTERDAY'S HEARING, PARTIALLY TO TRY TO ESTABLISH A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BLOCH AND BRAININ AND THEREBY REFUTE BLOCH'S CLAIM THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WAS NOT CLOSE. THIS PARTICULAR POINT HAD TO DO WITH AN APPEAL HEARING IN THE ROSENBERG CASE AT WHICH JUDGE IRVING KAUFMAN ADMONISHED BLOCH THAT ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE HIM (KAUFMAN) THROUGH THE USE OF OUTSIDE PRESSURE GROUPS SUCH AS THE ROSENBERGS COMMITTEE WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. BLOCH THEN DISCLAIMED ANY ASSOCIATION WITH THE ROSENBERG COMMITTEE. BLOCH TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HE AND BRAININ WERE NOT TOO FRIENDLY BEFORE THE EXECUTION OF THE ROSENBERGS AND NOT AFTER THE EXECUTION THEY CERTAINLY WERE NOT ON FRIENDLY TERMS AT ALL ESPECIALLY SINCE THE ROSENBERG COMMITTEE OWED HIM EIGHTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR HIS LEGAL FEE. GALLAGHER SAID THAT BLOCH INDICATED THAT HE IS CONSIDERING INSTITUTING A LAW SUIT AGAINST THE ROSENBERG COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN THIS FEE. GALLAGHER ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS VERY APPARENT THAT BLOCH AND BRAININ WERE NOT ON GOOD TERMS AND THAT WITH THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE BRAININ HAD BEEN VERY UNCOOPERATIVE.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,

CI NK 1898-S\* ADVISED PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT ROSENBERG MEMORIAL MEETING HELD LAKEWOOD, NJ 8/9/53, MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"WE ARE HOLDING AN EASTERN SEABOARD CONFERENCE THE WEEKEND OF 8/15 & 16/53, THATS NEXT WEEKEND, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING TOGETHER THE PEOPLES OF THE EASTERN SEABOARD, MASS, NJ, PENNA, MD, WASHINGTON, DC, NEW YORK TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES; TO DISCUSS WHY WE DID NOT SAVE THE ROSENBERGS; WHY FOR INSTANCE, WE NEVER DID GET THE WHOLE OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT. WE HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS. WHY IS IT LABOR WAS NOT WITH US AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN GET LABOR TO BE WITH US. HOW WE CAN DO THIS IN ORDER TO GET JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL. I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO SEND DELEGATES TO THAT CONFERENCE.

COME PREPARED TO REPORT WHAT YOU'VE DONE IN YOUR AREA, WHAT THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE HAS BEEN IN YOUR AREA."

HOSTETTER

- 100 - BOSTON (RM)
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*G. A. Hassington*

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TO Director, FBI (100-387835)

DATE 8/14/53

FROM SAC, New York (100-107111)

SUBJECT NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On March 29, 1951, JULIUS ROSENBERG and his wife, ETHEL, were convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York of conspiracy to commit espionage for the Soviet Union. On June 19, 1953 they were both executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

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On January 3, 1952 there was announced the formation of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJ). [REDACTED] made available a copy of a press release announcing the formation of this committee which was dated December 31, 1951. This committee is headed by JOSEPH BRILININ, who is described as a journalist and author. With this committee he holds the rank of Chairman while DAVID ALLEN is the Executive Secretary. The purpose of this committee was to raise money for the defense of the ROSENBERGS and to arouse public sympathy for them.

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The following information was obtained on a confidential basis and should not be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case continues to maintain a checking account at the Chase National Bank, Times Square Branch, 41st Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City.

A confidential informant [REDACTED] Chase National Bank, whose identity should be protected) has furnished information concerning the identity of the various contributors to the NCSJ. In examining the deposits to this committee's account, the names of the various persons located in your field division have been determined and set out below are their names and method of payment. This is being furnished for your information. (b) 7(d)

A confidential informant [REDACTED], US Marshal, US Court House, Foley Square, NY) has been able to identify various persons who had contact with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. The informant advised that these individuals had forwarded to the ROSENBERGS, Christmas cards, greetings on their fourteenth wedding anniversary (June 18, 1953), etc. The identity of these individuals have been broken down and are set forth in the individual field office breakdown.

(b) 7(d)

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<u>Date of Deposit by NCSJ</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
1953 5/26	\$ 45.00	HENRY POPPER	Fulton County Bank, Gloversville NY
6/3	5.00	HELEN H. MLC MARTIN	Merchants Natl. Bank, Burlington Vermont
6/3	10.00	EDITH GOLDSTEIN	USPMO 2-65,435,788, Ithaca, NY
6/4	7.00	JAMES M. SENOR	Oneida Natl. Bank & Tr. Co., Utica, NY
6/9	42.00	SYLVIA SCHIFFMAN	USPMO 2-72,706,132, Syracuse, NY
6/11	5.00	DONNA ALLEN	Schenectady, NY Trust Co.
6/16	15.00	MARY SOUTHERD	Randolph, Vt. Natl. Bank
6/16	20.00	JANE GREY ANDERSON	Syracuse, NY Trust Co.
6/16	10.00	FLORENCE WOODARD	Peoples Natl. Bank, Barre, Vt.

Correspondents

Christmas Cards

JOSEPH and MALLIE CRAIG  
Waters Road  
East Greenbush, New York

JOHN and KATIE WOICIEK  
Binghamton, New York

ALBUQUERQUE

6/4	5.00	ALBERT JUDAVIS	Albuquerque, NM, Natl. Bank
6/16	5.00	LILLIAN MANNING	USPMO 38947837, Albuquerque, NM

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ATLANTA

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
20.00	XENL. K. DECTCHMAN	Citizens and Southern Bank, Albany, Georgia

BALTIMORE

4/20	1.00	LAIRD W. SNELL	Suburban Trust Co., Silver Spring, Maryland
5/14	75.00	LILLIAN FINN	Natl. Marine Bank, Baltimore
5/21	75.00	" "	
6/2	50.00	" "	
5/22	90.00	" "	
6/3	10.00	ELSIE B. REEVES	Suburban Tr. Co., Greenbelt, Md.
6/9	3.00	GERTRUDE S. BANDEL	Commercial & Savings Bank, Bel Air, Maryland

BUFFALO

5/29	5.00	FRANKIE G. MERSON	Citizens Bank of Pen Yan, NY
6/24	7.00	" " "	
6/24	5.00	JONES B. LEWIS	Natl. Bank, Geneva, NY

BUTTE

6/3	5.00	S. R. EVANS	Idaho First Natl. Bank, Boise
6/3	10.00	SYLV. KINSEY	Bank of Columbia Falls, Mont.
6/4	100.00	BERT L. RUSSELL	USMO 12-9766907, Springston, Idaho
6/8	5.00	MEYER CHESSIN	First Natl. Bank, Missoula, Mont.
6/8	10.00	G. W. WAGNER	Farmers State Bank, Conrad, Mont.
6/29	10.00	" " "	
6/26	3.00	*LILY MCKENZIE	USPMO 9-21,874,784, Great Falls



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CHARLOTTE

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
1953	\$		
5/14	3.00	R. H. MC NEILL	First Natl. Bank, Greenville, SC
5/30	3.00	" " "	
6/26	2.00	" " "	
6/2	10.00	SARA LOWREY	South Carolina Natl. Bank, Greenville, S.C.

Correspondents

Christmas Card

NERIUS REITZEL  
Box 102  
Randleman, North Carolina

CINCINNATI

4/9	5.00	MARY C. WHITEHEAD	First Natl. Exchange Bank, Sidney, Ohio
	6.00		
6/2	5.00	ROSE H. CRONBACH	First Natl. Bank, Cincinnati
6/3	5.00	MARTIN BERMAN	First Natl. Bank, Cincinnati
6/17	8.00	" "	
6/3	10.00	BERNICE S. VAN TYNE	Mansfield, Ohio Savings Trust Natl. Bank
6/9	4.00	M. ELSIE MC COY	First Natl. Bank, Wilmington, Ohio
6/29	5.00	JANNI H. MORGAN	Northern Savings Bank, Columbus

DALLAS

4/13	6.00	THOMAS W. SANDERS	Lubbock, Texas Natl. Bank
6/29	1.00	G. C. EDWARDS	Natl. Bank of Commerce, Dallas

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6/3	2.00	LOUISE G. RISS	First Natl. Bank, Greeley, Col.
6/16	25.00	M. BROWN	USPMO 33-569,370, Cedaredge, Col.

DENVER

EL PASO

6/16	500.00	DAVID COHEN	El Paso, Texas Natl. Bank
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HOUSTON

5/22	50.00	E. SCHLACHT	USPMO 11-49-038,020, Houston
6/4	10.00	HARRIET M. BLOOMER	South Texas Natl. Bank, Houston
6/16	105.00	MORRIS BOGDANOW	Citizens State Bank, Houston

INDIANAPOLIS

4/9	6.00	MAURICE M. TULEHINSKY	St. Joseph Bank and Trust Co., South Bend, Indiana
6/4	10.00	MAX GLICK	Clinton County Bank and Trust Co., Frankfort, Indiana
6/18	375.00	(Illegible) endorsed by Dr. BERNHLM CRONBLER	First Bank and Trust Co., South Bend, Indiana

KANSAS CITY

5/13	6.00	HARRY SHAPIRO	Kansas City, MO. Trust Company
6/30	50.00	" "	
6/8	25.00	MARCY SHAPIRO	Kansas City, Mo. Trust Company

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KANSAS CITY (CONTD.)

<u>Date of Deposit by NCSJ</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
1953 6/16	\$ 50.00	FLOYD E. THOMAS	Exchange Natl. Bank, Columbia, Mo.
6/26	5.00	Mrs. DOROTHY COTEN	First Natl. Bank, Joplin, Mo.

KNOXVILLE

5/4	7.00	MARGARET W. BOND	Park Natl. Bank, Knoxville, Tenn.
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LITTLE ROCK

6/3	25.00	KATHERINE DODD	Worthen Bank and Trust Co., Little Rock, Arkansas
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MILWAUKEE

4/9	6.00	LUCY HALL	Merchants Natl. Bank, Watertown, Wisconsin
6/8	20.00	" "	
6/18	10.00	" "	
5/4	3.00	RUTH MILLSCHLING	American State Bank, Milwaukee
6/3	3.50	E. SPINLE	USPNO 7-71,875,445, Beloit, Wis.
6/8	10.00	MICHAEL ESSIN	First Wisconsin Natl. Bank, Milwaukee
6/16	500.00	JOHN T. BERNS	Wisconsin State Bank, Milwaukee
6/26	5.00	JACOB MPSEL	Home Savings Bank, Milwaukee

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NEW HAVEN

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Amount

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Remitter

ERNEST F. MC NUTT

Method of Payment

Natl. Bank of New England, East  
Haddam, Conn.

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6/3

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ROBERT C. V. TER

USPMO 1-38,933,579, New Britain,  
Connecticut

5.00

5/29  
6/16

10.00

G. BLAU

Second Natl. Bank, New Haven, Conn.

12.00

" "

6/29

10.00

LUTEE HALL

Westport Conn. Bank and Trust

6/11

24.00

PAUL MAC LUCK

First Natl. Bank and Trust Co.,  
Bridgeport, Conn.

6/16

25.00

DOROTHY HAVEN

Torrington, Conn. Natl. Bank and  
Trust Co.

6/22

10.00

JOHN OGULNICK

Hartford, Conn. Trust Co.

Correspondents - Other

RUTH STERN  
213 Whalley Avenue  
New Haven, Connecticut

NORFOLK

6/8

10.00

LARRY HOROWITZ

Western Union MD YJ70721

OMAHA

6/29

10.00

S. MARGULIS

Omaha, Nebraska Natl. Bank

NEW ORLEANS

4/9

15.00

JANE E. HODES

Natl. Bank of Commerce, New Orleans

5/3

20.00

" " "

4/9

20.00

DOROTHY SPIKER

Whitney Natl. Bank, New Orleans, La.

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<u>Date of Deposit by NCSJ</u> 1953	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
6/16	\$ 75.00	B. JACKSON	USPMO 2,588,251, Phoenix, Ariz.

PHOENIX

PITTSBURGH

5/30	5.00	JULIANE CARROLL	First Natl. Bank, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
6/16	5.00	JOHN E. PERRY	USPMO 3-74,879,752, Erie, Pa.
6/26	20.00	" " "	USPMO 3-81,602,619, Erie, Pa.
6/16	10.00	KATHERINE BUCZEK	Union Bank, Erie, Pa.
6/24	3.00	C. E. BRYANT	USPMO 5-71,557,073, Drybranch, West Virginia

PORTLAND

6/4	5.00	ROY C. ANDREWS	First Natl. Bank, Eugene, Ohio
6/30	5.00	" " "	
6/8	15.00	MARGARET BURROUGHS	First Natl. Bank, Salem, Ohio

Correspondents

Christmas Card

F. PECK  
40 Auburn Avenue  
Astoria, Oregon

ST. LOUIS

5/30	2.00	HAVEN P. PERKINS	Manchester Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
6/4	5.00	Mrs. CHARLES PRIEVER	First Natl. Bank, St. Louis, Mo.

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4/20	\$ 25.00	Mrs. ROLAND HAUSEN	USPMO 12-6,017,998, Salt Lake City
6/29	10.00	TRUDE B. BRAML	Walker Bank & Trust Co., Salt Lake City, Utah

SALT LAKE CITY

Date of Deposit	Amount	Remitter	Method of Payment
6/3	5.00	ANDREW OSTRUM	First Natl. Bank, Edinburg, Texas
6/29	5.00	" "	" "

SAN ANTONIO

Date of Deposit	Amount	Remitter	Method of Payment
4/13	4.00	ELIZABETH YATES	Natl. Bank of Washington, Tacoma
5/1	11.00	ALBERT V. FREEMAN	University Natl. Bank, Seattle, Wash.
5/25	16.00	" " "	" " "
6/11	6.00	RICHARD A. PETERSON	Peoples Natl. Bank, Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE

SPRINGFIELD

Correspondents - Other

JOYCE F. COX  
202 West Iowa  
Urbana, Illinois

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AIR-TEL

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NEW YORK (REGISTERED MAIL)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C. ON 8/5/53,  
PH-82-8\*, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED THAT JOSEPH BRAKIN (PHONETIC),  
BELIEVED TO BE A NATIONAL OFFICER OF THE CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, STATED  
THAT CAPTIONED COMMITTEE WAS TO HOLD A NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 9/53, PLACE  
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TO : SAC  
FROM : SA E. K. DEATE

DATE: August 19, 1953

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# Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## EASTERN SEABOARD CONFERENCE

### TO PLAN ROSENBERG CASE FIGHT

1050 SIXTH AVENUE  
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NEW YORK, JULY 27.—Plans for carrying on the fight for justice in the Rosenberg case will be discussed at an Eastern Seaboard conference Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16, at the Manhattan Towers Hotel in New York City, the National Committee to Secure Justice announced today.

Representatives of Rosenberg committees in states along the East Coast will participate in the conference which will be similar to others being held throughout the country in preparation for a national conference to take place in the fall.

The sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Reports will be heard from representatives of the national Rosenberg Committee who are now touring the country.

The national committee's call for the Eastern Seaboard Conference said:

"It is timely that we consult with one another to take up the unfinished task to establish the truth in the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and to consider the case of the third co-defendant Morton Sobell, sentenced to the living death of Alcatraz for thirty years.

"It is timely for us to consult together to decide policy and to revamp our organization."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAO

DATE: August 19, 1953

FROM: SA J. J. FEEHELEY

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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*A Call*

to the

Eastern Seaboard Conference

of the

National Committee to Secure  
Justice in the Rosenberg Case

Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 16

New York City

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## The Rosenberg Case Is Not Closed . . .

The battle for the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg has been lost but the struggle for truth and justice around the Rosenberg Case still confronts the conscience of America.

Men and women of good will throughout our nation are meeting in a series of conferences to evaluate the lessons of the campaign for clemency . . . to plan steps to vindicate Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and to win justice for their co-defendant Morton Sobell, now serving a living death of thirty years in dreaded Alcatraz.

The Eastern Seaboard Conference on the weekend of August 15th and 16th, is dedicated to these aims. We call upon the many individuals and committees who have made a magnificent contribution in a common endeavor for truth and justice to attend these sessions.

National Committee to Serve Justice in the Rosenberg Case

—JOSEPH BRAININ, Chairman

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Saturday, August 15th

Manhattan Towers, 77th St. and Broadway

Morning Session: 10 a.m.

**WHAT THE ROSENBERG CASE MEANS TO AMERICA**

—David Alman, executive secretary of the National Committee.

**A WORLD VIEW OF THE ROSENBERG CASE**

—Joseph Brainin, national chairman.

Afternoon Session: 2 p.m.

**PEOPLE'S REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEES (2-5 p.m.)**

A floor discussion from committee representatives of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Washington, etc., on experiences in bringing the facts on the Rosenberg case to the communities, trade unions, churches, and synagogues . . . suggestions for future policy based on past lessons.

**A LEGAL VIEW OF THE MORTON SOBELL CASE (5-6 p.m.)**

**Saturday evening: BUFFET SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Given by the Brooklyn Rosenberg Committee to honor the Eastern Seaboard Delegates. Proceeds to the national committee. (Time and place to be announced.)

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Sunday, August 16th

Hotel Ansonia, 75th St. and Broadway

Morning Session: 10 a.m.

**THE PUBLIC FIGHT FOR MORTON SOBELL**

—Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell

**FLOOR DISCUSSION**

—policy and necessary action in the Sobell case.

Afternoon Session: 2 p.m.

**JUSTICE CAN BE WON**

—Emily Alman, New York executive secretary on the tasks ahead and how to organize for effective action.

**FLOOR DISCUSSION**

—structure of the national organization, public relations, the Rosenberg children, and the DEATH HOUSE LETTERS.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Registration: \$1.00

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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FOR RELEASE AT NOON, SATURDAY, AUG. 15

EISENHOWER RECEIVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT  
OR IGNORED ADVICE ON ROSENBERG CLEMENCY  
ASSERTS ROSENBERG COMMITTEE HEAD AT CONFERENCE

Two-day Eastern Seaboard Conference Opens  
To Plan Future Action in Rosenberg Case

NEW YORK, Aug. 15--"The rejection of world-wide clemency appeals proves that President Eisenhower was either deceived by his own State Department or that he chose to ignore the advice of his own advisors," Joseph Brainin, chairman of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, asserted today.

"Whichever the case," he said, "no one will deny today that American prestige abroad received a terrible, perhaps an irreparable, blow by the hasty, indecent execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg."

Brainin addressed the opening session of a two-day Eastern Seaboard Conference called by the committee to discuss further action in the Rosenberg Case and ways of securing justice for Morton Sobell. The third defendant in the Rosenberg Case, Sobell swears he is innocent, but was sentenced to 30 years in Alcatraz on the word of an admitted perjurer.

Today's sessions of the conference were scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Manhattan Towers Hotel. Tomorrow's sessions, set for the same time, will be at the Hotel Ansonia.

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Brainin pointed out that Washington was fully aware at the time of the Rosenberg execution that the Rosenberg case had assumed such political proportions in Europe that American foreign policy had to reckon with it.

"The appeals from Europe were clemency appeals, in other words appeals that asked for a very minimum," he said. They did not suggest that Mr. Eisenhower free the Rosenbergs. France and Italy pleaded that the Rosenbergs' lives be spared.

"True, there were militant voices that demanded a new trial and that clamored for a reversal of what they considered a gross miscarriage of justice. But let it be remembered that all political parties in France and Italy represented by their most eminent lay and religious leaders, leaders who were known to Washington as advocates of American foreign policy, joined in the pleas for clemency.

"If our diplomatic representatives informed Washington," Brainin stated, "that the Rosenberg clemency seekers in France and Italy were only Communist or Communist inspired, they misrepresented the truth. If on the other hand our political observers evaluated correctly the national scope of the clemency appeals from Italy and France, it is indeed difficult to understand how President Eisenhower could have completely ignored official reports from our State Department."

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"June 16, 1953  
Cleveland, Ohio

"This is a report on the 'Clemency for Rosenbergs  
Vigil' trip to Washington, D.C. on the 14 of June, 1953.

"We boarded a chartered bus at the Cleveland  
greyhound terminal amid flashes of Sgt. Ungvary's (Cleveland  
subversive squad) official photographer, he took pictures of  
all of us as we were going through the doors to board the bus.

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"DAVE ALMAN who was master of ceremonies introduced REV. WILLIAMS of Rugged Cross Church of New York City, who said the invocation to a crowd of 13,000 more or less. Beseeching the holy reverence of the Almighty for 2 humble American people shamefully housed in house of death.

"REV. AMOS MURPHY of Boston, Mass. We are our brothers keepers, and keepers we shall remain.

"REV. MARSHALL MILES of Detroit, spoke next.

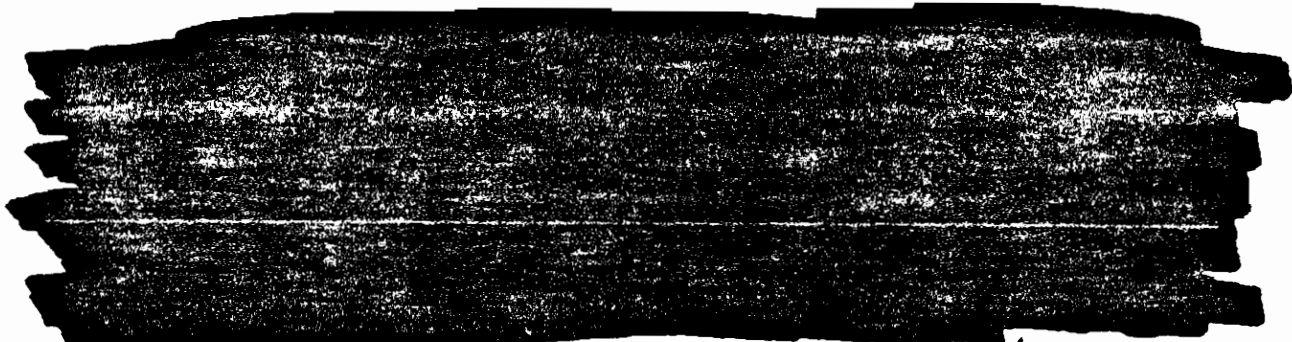
"MARTHA SCHLAME, who sang the National Anthem at the opening came out to sing several songs and ballads.

"The ROSENBERG's two children were introduced and MICHAEL waved to the crowd, the other boy-too shy.

"Mother ROSENBERG was introduced and in a crying voice said: 'My children are innocent, very innocent' and then brokedown.

"ALMAN speaking as a neighbour and a friend of the family accused the GREENGLASSES as being traitors and not EVEL and JULIE ROSENBERGS'. We must redouble our efforts to gain mercy and freedom for the ROSENBERGS, when you go back home as many of you must please work for clemency in your city, your work place, but work. MRS. GREENGLASS herself has said that her husband is a habitual liar, and that probably lied at the trial, sending innocent people to the death house. 3000 ministers of various denominations have asked for clemency. Political leaders throughout the world have asked the President to grant clemency and the rank and file of labor in our country and overseas have asked for mercy, and the great leaders of the Catholic World Pope Pius XII has implored our President to grant Executive Clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

"Rabbi ABRAHAM CHONBACK of Cincinnati said the final invocations.



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SAC, NY

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JOHN L. PAGAN, SA (100-109774)

WILLIAM ADDISON PRICE  
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On 7/7/53 an anonymous source advised that JANE SOMERS, on 5/30/53, indicated she had been put in charge of the Literature Department of the CRC, having the title of Literature Director.

The same source advised that JANE SOMERS, on 6/4/53, indicated she was able to get up a Rosenberg Committee covering the area from the upper sixties to about Third Street on the East side of Manhattan.

According to this source JANE advised, on the same date, that she had had a "blowup" with JOAN, who refused to allow a scheduled fund raising party to take place in the apartment and who refused to let the local Rosenberg Committee to function out of the apartment.

It is believed that JOAN is JOAN FISHMAN, with whom SOMERS had resided at 306 Third Ave., NYC.

Photostats of letter reflecting the above information and the fact that JANE SOMERS was using the PRICE apartment are to be made exhibits in the JANE SOMERS case (100-112264).

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(OO: NY)

Rereps of SA EDWARD J. CAVILL dated 7/2/53 and 8/6/53  
at New York.

On 7/2/53, [REDACTED], Citizens  
National Bank, Fifth and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, orally  
advised SA EDWARD H. WADSWORTH that the bank account of the Los  
Angeles Committee To Secure Justice in The Rosenberg Case was  
originally opened at the Santa Barbara-Miguera Office of the  
Citizens National Bank on 11/21/52. The account was transferred  
to the Fifth and Spring Streets Office on approximately 1/2/53.

(b) 7 (d)  
Pertinent information concerning the captioned organi-  
zation which has been obtained from the monitoring of this bank  
account will be incorporated in the next report prepared at Los  
Angeles.

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Reg.

cc: New York (100-107111)(Reg)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: August 27, 1953

FROM : SA E. K. DEANE

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**EDITORS:**

Since the Eastern Seaboard Rosenberg Conference this weekend is a planning conference, the sessions will be executive sessions, closed to the Press.

However, to assist you with any coverage you may want to give, we are making the following arrangements:

1. Press will be admitted to the opening session on Saturday morning, August 15, 10 A.M., Manhattan Towers Hotel, 77th St., and Broadway, at which future plans will be discussed by Joseph Brainin, National Chairman, and David Alman, executive secretary.

2. The committee will service you with releases Sunday afternoon announcing any resolutions and decisions made by the conference.

Theodore Jacobs  
Director of Public Relations  
National Committee to Secure  
Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

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PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FUTURE ACTIVITY OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
TO BE DISCUSSED AT EASTERN SEABOARD MEETING

NEW YORK, August 11.-- Future activity of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case will be planned at the two-day Eastern Seaboard Conference this weekend.

The conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16 at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 77th St., and Broadway. Delegates are expected from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and other states. The sessions each day will be from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

The first session on Saturday morning, which will be open to the public, will feature evaluations of the past campaign and discussion of future plans by the committee's national officers.

"A World View of the Rosenberg Case," will be given by Joseph Brainin, national chairman of the Rosenberg committee.

"What the Rosenberg Case means to America," will be discussed by David Almen, Executive secretary.

The conference will consider the case of Morton Sobell, third defendant in the Rosenberg Trial, who was sentenced to 30 years in Sing Sing. Plans will be made for a public fight for justice for Sobell, who swears he is innocent.

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EARL W. JIMERSON  
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PATRICK E. GORMAN  
INTERNATIONAL SECY.-TREAS.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

February 18, 1953

Mr. David Alman, Secretary  
Committee to Secure Justice  
in the Rosenberg Case  
1050 Sixth Avenue  
New York 18, New York

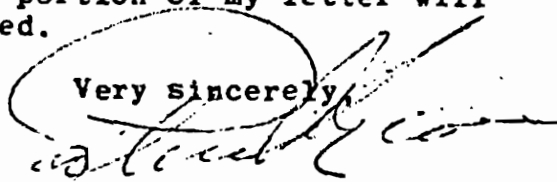
Dear Mr. Alman:

I have your letter of February 13 concerning the  
Rosenbergs.

Let me say to you again, very sincerely I feel that  
the Rosenbergs have had their day in court and have been  
found guilty of a crime which to me seems abominable.  
There is of course a possibility, as has happened in so  
many other cases that there may have been a miscarriage  
of justice. One's conscience lacks for surety in a matter  
of this kind and particularly mine since the Rosenbergs  
so far have refused to make additional statements at the  
risk of their own lives and have so far stoutly maintained  
their innocence. Because of this, I believe that their  
sentence should be commuted and particularly this is my  
feeling for another reason as I advised you.

I have never believed in capital punishment. The  
taking of one's life as the penalty for a crime committed  
has not, throughout the ages, deterred crime in any way.

I sincerely trust that no portion of my letter will  
be used unless all of it is used.

Very sincerely,  


Secretary-Treasurer.

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# SAVE the ROSENBERGS

## A CRIME IS PLANNED FOR JUNE 18th

**T**HE really terrible thing about the story of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg is that everyone who has followed the case knows beyond a shadow of doubt that one day their innocence will be generally recognised.

People who are mouthing pious platitudes now about due process of law will know that the Rosenbergs were framed as surely as everyone now knows that Sacco and Vanzetti, who were executed in 1927, were framed.

And this is terrible because the knowledge may come too late.

Repeatedly in the United States that sort of thing happens. Innocent men and women are hounded, jailed, executed on perjured testimony presented to biased judges in ill-conducted trials.

Repeatedly the stoolpigeons and perjurers used by the prosecution are exposed and discredited.

**But often they are discredited too late.**

Recently the New York Daily News, the largest newspaper in the U.S., declared that "brain washing" in lunatic asylums was, after all, the wrong treatment for ex-prisoners from Korea who had adopted Communist ideas.

Instead, said the Daily News, they should be given seats at the Rosenbergs' execution, "to watch them burn."

Is anyone going to tell us that a society which permits such paranoid savagery in its public prints is capable of administering anything resembling justice?

Or that it even knows what justice means?

The same men, the same forces, have framed the Rosenbergs who framed and lynched Sacco and Vanzetti, Willie McGee, the Martinsville Seven, and untold scores of martyrs that you and I have never heard of.

They have jailed and persecuted dozens of men and women on the testimony of stoolpigeons. And when the stool-pigeons were exposed were their victims re-tried, released, or compensated?

They were not. Many of them are still in jail. That is the danger in the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

● They were found guilty on the sole evidence of David Greenglass and his wife Ruth.

● Greenglass had every reason to lie in order to save his own skin.

● It was demonstrated that in important particulars he did in fact lie.

● New evidence establishes that in vital respects his wife also lied.

● The transcript of the trial proceedings shows that the judge acted with gross impropriety and bias.

● The Rosenbergs have proclaimed their innocence throughout the proceedings and since.

● But all this goes for nought.

The Pope appeals for clemency and his words are suppressed by the U.S. Justice Department.

In America Professor Albert Einstein, one of the world's greatest scientists, has appealed for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

Professor Harold Urey, the leading American atomic scientist, has said that the Rosenbergs' testimony was more credible than the testimony of those who accused them.

In Britain, Mr. D. N. Pritt, Q.C., after a thorough examination of the full trial proceedings, said that the evidence was totally inadequate to convict them.

He wrote: "It would offend against all Anglo-Saxon standards of justice that the convictions, let alone the sentence, of the Rosenbergs should be allowed to stand."

President Eisenhower is petitioned and replies that he will only consider a reprieve if the Rosenbergs will "talk."

*But, say the Rosenbergs, we are innocent. And we will not pretend to be guilty in order to save our lives.*

*We are asked to do so, they say, because Washington wants to prove that Left Wingers are, almost by definition, atom spies. Any "confession" would be a deadly blow against the cause of democracy and freedom.*

*We would rather go to our deaths, innocent as we are, than save our lives at such a cost.*

**THUS, THE ROSENBERGS CANNOT SAVE THEIR OWN LIVES, ONLY YOU AND I AND MILLIONS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD CAN DO THAT.**

How? By making the solidarity campaign irresistible, impossible to ignore.

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Is this case really our business? Every act of inhumanity, every attack on the cause of freedom, wheresoever it takes place, is our business.

Julius Rosenberg is aged 34. His wife Ethel is 36. They are the parents of two children. They are Jewish and their trial was conducted during an outbreak of anti-Semitic hysteria.

They were not convicted for "giving atomic secrets to Russia" as has been widely reported. The only charge against them was: "Conspiracy to commit espionage" for a foreign power.

So flimsy was the evidence that the U.S. Government could only use the "conspiracy" charge because there was not the slightest proof that the Rosenbergs had actually committed espionage.

They have been sentenced to death on the word of one man—David Greenglass, a mechanic and the younger brother of Ethel Rosenberg.

He paved the way for the arrest of the Rosenbergs on July 16, 1950, when he agreed to become a Government witness although he was under arrest charged with committing atomic espionage. To save his own skin he implicated the Rosenbergs.

Mankind does not live in compartments. Every single injustice, every arbitrary act, every lie invested with legal sanction, discredits and shames not only those directly guilty: it discredits and shames all men everywhere.

Repeatedly the hard-faced businessmen who run America commit these disgraceful crimes against humanity. Every book on the American working class is full of the names of the martyrs.

Repeatedly they lecture us on democracy freedom and the rights of man.

**IN HEAVEN'S NAME, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GET ANGRY ABOUT IT?**

Such anger after the Rosenbergs are executed will be mockery.

Anger, and action, before they are due to go to the electric chair, can save their lives.

There is an inescapable responsibility before the British People:

**THE ROSENBERGS MUST NOT DIE!**

On June 18th, the day of their 14th wedding anniversary, the young couple are due to go to the electric chair in Sing Sing Prison. Repeated appeals to President Truman and, more recently, to President Eisenhower have been without success.

If Ethel Rosenberg dies on June 18 it will be the first time a woman has been executed in America for many years.

★ **Telegraph**  
**Write**  
**Telephone**  
**Visit**

★ **Send Deputations from**  
**Trade Union Branches,**  
**Women's Groups**  
**Church, students and other groups**

★ **Inform Local and National Press of your actions — visit Editors.**

To: U.S. Embassy  
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To: President Eisenhower  
White House  
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**COME TO**  
**GIANT DEMONSTRATION—Sunday, 14th June, 3.30 p.m.**

**HYDE PARK, MARBLE ARCH**

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LILLIAN GOODMAN

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FOR RELEASE AFTER 8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

APPEAL FOR TRANSFER OF MORTON SOBELL

FROM ALCATRAZ MADE BY WIFE

Helen Sobell asserts at Bronx Rosenberg Rally

Imprisonment is Attempt to Force False Confession

NEW YORK, Aug. 19--Helen Sobell tonight charged that her husband, Morton Sobell, was imprisoned in Alcatraz to force from him a false confession to a crime he did not commit and urged his transfer to a more humane prison while awaiting appeals for a new trial.

Mrs. Sobell, who spoke at the Bronx Rosenberg meeting at Hunt's Point Palace after returning from a nation-wide speaking tour and a visit with her husband, declared that there is a feeling throughout the country that Sobell should be given the opportunity to prove his innocence at a new trial.

"Morton Sobell is not broken by his incarceration in Alcatraz," she said. "Nine months in that Devil's Island has not forced him into a confession of a crime he did not commit, nor will it ever. He was rushed off 3000 miles from his family and attorney last year on Thanksgiving Day so that his spirit might be broken. In Alcatraz his children are not permitted to visit him.

"My husband reasserts his innocence," she continued, "and looks forward to rejoining his family in honor and dignity. He wants to be with his children and see them grow into creative, useful, happy adults."

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The meeting, held exactly two months after the Rosenbergs were executed, was a dedication to further efforts to bring the truth about the case to the American people and to win a new trial for Morton Sobell.

Speaking on the effects of the Rosenberg case on America, Emily Alman, New York Executive Secretary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, asserted:

"By refusing to 'confess' and name names for a crime of which they swore innocence, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg inspired patriotic Americans to stand up against injustice."

The meeting was also addressed by John T. McMannus, general manager of the National Guardian newsweekly. Favorite songs of the Rosenbergs were sung by Lillian Goodman. The meeting joined in a traditional Jewish prayer for the dead in behalf of the couple.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (AIR MAIL, REGISTERED)  
SAC, NEW YORK (AIR MAIL, REGISTERED)

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C. DAYLET <sup>GUIDANCE</sup> <sub>ONITE</sub>

**[REDACTED]** OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, FURNISHED A LETTER ON STATIONERY OF ABOVE ORGANIZATION, 410 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE., DATED 8/20 LAST. INSTANT LETTER STATES THAT "DEATH HOUSE LETTERS OF ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG," LETTERS WRITTEN TO EACH OTHER, TO THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR ATTORNEY, EMANUEL BLOCK, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR \$1. LETTER INDICATES ALL PROFITS DERIVED FROM SALE OF BOOK WOULD GO TO ROSENBERG CHILDREN'S FUND. (b) 7 (d)

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: August 28, 1953

FROM: SA J. J. FEEHELEY

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*J.A. [Signature]*

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
1050 Sixth Ave.  
New York City

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BOOK OF ROSENBERG LETTERS  
BEING PUBLISHED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

NEW YORK, AUG. 17—"The Death House Letters of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg," is rapidly becoming a world best seller. It is being printed in foreign editions in at least 11 countries and will certainly be published in many others, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case reported today.

A French translation has been published by Gallimard, the leading publishing house in France, and is already in its third printing.

An Italian edition published by Reuniti will be off the press in a few weeks. In England the firm of Dennis Dobson is publishing the book.

The letters are also scheduled for printing in Israel, Spain, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Finland, Argentina, and Japan.

In addition, the book has been serialized by leading newspapers in West Germany, France and England.

All profits from the book, including sales in the United States and abroad, are going into a trust fund established for Michael and Robbie, the Rosenbergs' two small children.

There have already been two printings of the book in the United States. Published by the Jero Publishing Co., of New York, the letters are being distributed by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. The book sells for \$1 and can be ordered from the Committee at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

The letters were written by the Rosenbergs to each other, to their lawyer, and their family. Throughout their letters the Rosenbergs maintained their innocence and made clear that they would never sacrifice truth by "confessing" to a crime they denied committing.

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The book is prefaced by a poem that Ethel Rosenberg wrote for her children on Jan. 24, 1953. Entitled "If We Die," the poem reads:

Your shall know, my sons, shall know  
why we leave the song unsung,  
the book unread, the work undone  
to rest beneath the sod.

Mourn no more, my sons, no more  
why the lies and smears were framed,  
the tears we shed, the hurt we bore  
to all shall be proclaimed.

Earth shall smile, my sons, shall smile  
and green above our resting place,  
the killing end, the world rejoice  
in brotherhood and peace.

Work and build, my sons, and build  
a monument to love and joy,  
to human worth, to faith we kept  
for you, my sons, for you.

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FBI, PHILA.

8/31/53

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C, DAYLET.

PH-82-S\* ADVISED ON 8/28/53 THAT A NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION WILL BE HELD IN CHICAGO ON THE 26TH and 27TH. INFORMANT

UNABLE TO SPECIFY MONTH. HOWEVER, HE NOTES THAT NATIONAL OFFICE OF COMMITTEE IS PRESENTLY DRAWING OUT A DISCUSSION LETTER ON THE CONFERENCE.

PHILADELPHIA WILL FURNISH ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS RECEIVED.

ABBATICCHIO.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

DATE: 8/31/53

REGISTERED MAIL

Rerep of Special Agent VICTOR J. CAMPI dated April 1, 1953, at Newark.

Rerep was inadvertently posted Pending. It is requested that the Bureau and New York change the status of this report to Pending Inactive.

Appropriate changes have been made in Newark's copies and a report will be submitted by October 1, 1953.

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cc - New York (100-107111) REGISTERED MAIL

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC

DATE: August 31, 1953

FROM: SA ROMNEY STEWART

RE: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO  
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE  
ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On [REDACTED] signed a typewritten report and furnished same to the writer on the same date [REDACTED] in which he reports the following: (b) 7(d)

"A meeting of the Rosenberg Committee was held Monday evening, August 10, 1953, at the Park Manor, Los Angeles, and was attended by about 60 people. REID ROBINSON was the Chairman, JUDY DUBOFF was the Secretary, and DAVE BROWN made the report. There was a lengthy discussion on the recommendations of the Steering Committee. Participating in the discussion were the following people:

[REDACTED]

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cc:

2 - New York City (M. SOBELL, REG.  
Rosenberg Committee)

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"The following people were elected to office:

"HARRY PIERCE was elected Chairman after DAVE BROWN and REID ROBINSON had declined the nomination. ROBINSON declined because, as he put it, he is at this time interested in getting himself a position in trade union work and wants to devote most of his time working in the trade unions. BROWN declined because he needs to occupy his time with finding work.

"Elected Vice Chairmen were DAVE BROWN and LORRAINE BINDER; Recording Secretary - JUDY DUBOFF; Financial Secretary - SOL ROSENTHAL; part-time office secretary to replace MAE PIERCE - JESSIE BURNS.

"The Steering Committee will be composed of members who will be chosen by the area committee. The officers will comprise the Executive Committee.

"All the other proposals of the Steering Committee were adopted unanimously. Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, spoke for a few minutes about her son, whom she had visited at Alcatraz, and pled with those present to continue to fight for his liberation from life imprisonment.

"Also among those present whom I recognized were the following:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: September 2, 1953

FROM: SA E. K. DEANE

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
1050 Sixth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Friend:

A full account of the Eastern Seaboard Conference will be sent shortly, but there is one decision in our program for action that cannot wait.

The National Committee is planning a Journal of Dedication in conjunction with the Rosenberg Dedication rally on September 16th. There we will keep faith with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and launch the public campaign for Morton Sobell.

This booklet will be more than a souvenir - it will carry highlights of the people's struggle; - poetry that Ethel and Julius inspired; messages from abroad; special photographs, etc.

We believe there are hundreds of individuals who will want to join in expression of dedication through this journal. We believe our committees throughout the nation will want to share in public expression of their sentiments.

You can do so in two ways - subscribing to a Dedication page in the journal or through placing your name on a Personal Dedication statement. (See enclosed) The funds you raise will defray the tremendous financial burden assumed by the National Committee in the last tragic stage of the fight for the lives of the Rosenbergs, and start off the Sobell drive. Millions do not yet know the facts of the Rosenberg-Sobell case, the reasons that moved millions here and abroad to fight for clemency.

Time is very short. There are only three weeks before the Journal goes to press. We urge that you go to your friends, to your neighbors, to your co-workers.

Let us put our anger and our grief to purposeful action.

Let the Journal show the tribute of thousands throughout America. Help us bring thousands to the Rosenberg Dedication rally on Wednesday evening, September 16th.

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TICKET ORDER BLANK FOR ROSENBERG DEDICATION RALLY  
RANDALL'S ISLAND, N.Y.C. Wednesday, Sept. 16

No. tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 plus tax .20

No. field tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.50 plus tax .30

Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for tickets

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Emily Alman.





PERSONAL STATEMENT OF DEDICATION

for the

JOURNAL OF DEDICATION TO JUSTICE  
to be published September 16, 1953

(Minimum contribution of five dollars with each signature to support the Rosenberg-Sobell Case. If you and other signatories prefer to write your own statement, please do so. Indicate with an asterisk if you do not want your name published.)

The electric chair did not kill the many and grave doubts in the Rosenberg Case. We who supported the world-wide appeal for clemency and for a new trial join in tribute to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg for the courage and dignity they showed. They maintained their innocence and asked for an opportunity to prove it and then to vindicate themselves.

We pledge to their children, Michael and Robert, that we shall continue our efforts to bring the facts of the Rosenberg Case to millions of Americans. We pledge to the children of Morton Sobell our support for a new trial. The conscience of America demands this.

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Return to: ROSENBERG DEDICATION JOURNAL  
Room 2  
1050 Sixth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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TO : SAC

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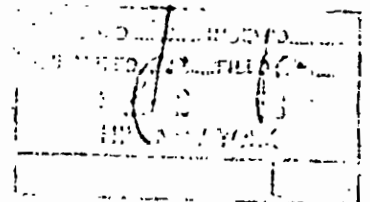
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
1050 Sixth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Friend:

Ninety percent of the American people opposed the execution of the Rosenbergs. This is the report of the press on the polls taken. In the National Office are clippings from across the country reflecting the tremendous discussion among the people.

We have attempted to reflect some of this comment through the enclosed leaflet, "America's Conscience Speaks on the Rosenberg Execution".

The Resolution of the Eastern Seaboard Conference calls for a program to reach millions with the facts of the Rosenberg Case, and to begin the drive for a new trial for Morton Sobell, "in an atmosphere free of the pressure and hysteria" that resulted in the execution of two of the defendants and a living death sentence in Alcatraz for the third.

Between now and the holding of a National Conference the millions whose interest was aroused in the struggle for clemency must and can be reached. Our immediate needs require thousands of leaflets, the preparation of special pamphlets and books, the continuation of investigations. We want one thousand friends to join in personal dedication to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg through the National Rosenberg Dedication Journal.

Many of you took pictures of the Washington Delegations, the funeral, the activity throughout the country. Will you send them to us for use in the film that is now being prepared?

If you live around New York will you give some time at our office. We need clerical help, we need typists, we need people to telephone. Thousands will come to the Rosenberg Dedication Rally at Randall's Island, but only if we reach them.

Sincerely,

*Emily Alman*

Emily Alman  
Executive Secretary

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RESOLUTION ON SUPREME COURT JUSTICES  
DOUGLAS, BLACK, FRANKFURTER

ADOPTED BY EASTERN SEABOARD CONFERENCE  
August 16, 1953

We offer our deepest respects to Supreme Court Justices Hugo Black, and William O. Douglas for their efforts to bring about a review of the Rosenberg and Sobell cases by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Justice Black, joined later by Justice Douglas, alone sought from the start to win acceptance of the case for review by the Supreme Court rather than to condone by silence the first political executions in our nation's history.

We appreciate the dissent of Justice Frankfurter who stated "... history also has its claims".

RESOLUTION ON ATTORNEY EMANUEL BLOCH

ADOPTED BY EASTERN SEABOARD CONFERENCE  
August 16, 1953

For his selfless and untiring pursuit of justice for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg throughout the whole period of their ordeal, we extend our most sincere admiration, respect and gratitude to Attorney Emanuel H. Bloch and to those associated with him in this historic fight for justice.

We join with Mr. Bloch in his public appreciation of the special contributions of Attorneys Fyke Farmer of Tennessee and Daniel Marshall of California in the final effort to save the lives of the Rosenbergs.

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RESOLUTION OF THE EASTERN SEABOARD CONFERENCE

AUGUST 16, 1953

The Eastern Seaboard Conference assembled in New York on August 15 and 16, after evaluating the Rosenberg-Sobell case, and deliberating on the future activities of the Committee, passed the following resolution:

Millions of Americans who have learned the facts in the Rosenberg-Sobell case are convinced today that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell are innocent. Many more millions were appalled by the hasty indecent execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on June 19, 1953. This urgency to get the execution over with only deepened the doubts about the case in the minds of millions. The spectacle of the Supreme Court, reconvened in unprecedented fashion by the order of the government, deliberating while the executioner at Sing Sing was instructed to stand by and then cancelling the stay of execution granted by Justice Douglas violated every tradition of American justice.

It cannot be reiterated too often that the Rosenbergs were executed without the Supreme Court ever having read the trial transcript or reviewing the facts in the case. The insistence on the part of the Government spokesmen that the Rosenbergs received full measure of justice is a flagrant distortion of the truth.

Millions of Americans regardless of their opinions as to the innocence or guilt of the Rosenbergs agree that President Eisenhower's refusal to grant clemency in the face of world-wide pleas for mercy was a severe blow to the good name of our country.

We resolve therefore that while the opportunity to secure justice for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg no longer exists, it is our responsibility to establish the truth in the case and to inform the American people as to the deep significance of the injustice.

It is our responsibility to do everything within our power to secure the economic future of Michael and Robbie Rosenberg, orphaned by the execution. We appeal to all Americans, irrespective of religious or political affiliations, to contribute toward the economic future of the Rosenberg children by sending donations to Emanuel Bloch, Trustee and guardian of the Rosenberg children, 401 Broadway, New York City. We feel that such a humanitarian action would be in the best tradition of American democracy. We also call for the widest possible distribution of the book, "The Death House Letters of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg", the profits of which go to the Rosenberg children.

The same hysteria and disregard for justice that brought about the conviction and death sentence of the Rosenbergs resulted in a similar denial of justice to Morton Sobell, the third defendant in the case. In the same inhumane haste with which the Rosenbergs were rushed to the electric chair, Morton Sobell was sentenced to a living death of 30 years in Alcatraz, America's Devil's Island.

We must spare no efforts to see that a public appeal for a new trial for Sobell be forthwith put into motion. For we believe that a new trial must be won for Morton Sobell in an atmosphere free of the pressures and hysteria that marked the last trial. We recommend that immediate efforts be undertaken with a view to obtaining U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell's consent to a new trial.

We believe that during the legal process of securing justice for Morton Sobell he should be transferred from Alcatraz to a more humane prison.

We also urge an unprecedented attendance at the Rosenberg Dedication Rally at Randall's Island Stadium in New York on Sept. 16 as a major public step to fulfill the task of making known the truth in the Rosenberg case and securing justice for Morton

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

Form No. 1  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW HAVEN, CONN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/4/53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/25, 27/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN T. PRYOR</b>	<b>Job</b>
TITLE <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Communist Party members were active in the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case in Connecticut. The NCSJRC has become fairly inactive in Connecticut after the execution of the ROSENBERGS in June, 1953.

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**DETAILS:**

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case shall be referred to as NCSJRC in this report.

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise stated.

**I. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS OF NCSJRC**

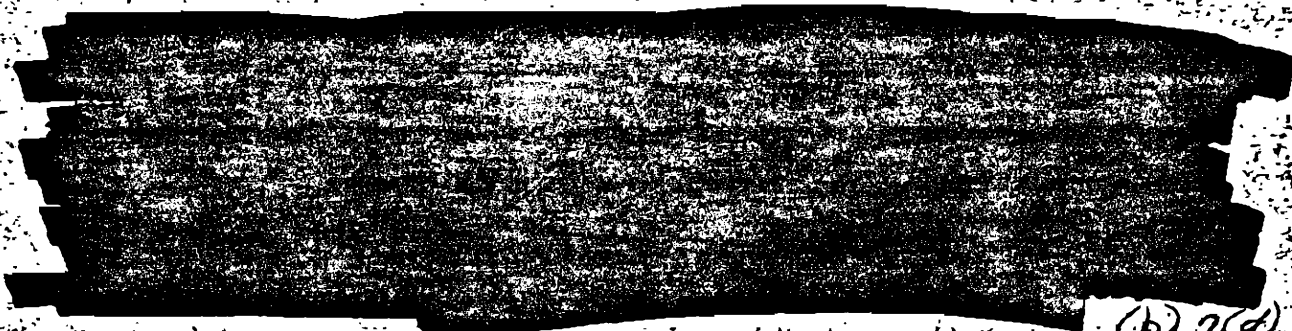
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The informant stated that the Communist Party in Bridgeport was supporting the NCSJRC in its telegram campaign to secure clemency for the ROSENBERGS. (b) 7(d)

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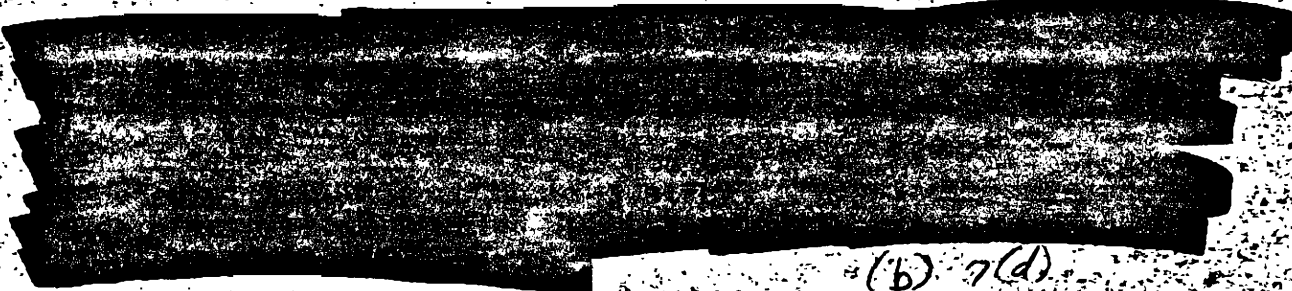
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T-1 furnished a letter from the Bridgeport Freedom of the Press Committee which requested the persons receiving this letter to telegraph President EISENHOWER asking for clemency for the ROSENBERGS. (b) 7(d)

T-1 advised that the Freedom of the Press Committee is an organization formed in Connecticut by the Communist Party leaders as a vehicle for the sale and distribution for the Worker and the Daily Worker.

The Worker is the Sunday edition of the Daily Worker, an East coast Communist publication.



JOHN MARSALKA is publicly known as President of the American Slav Congress. (b) 7(d)

The American Slav Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant T-12 advised that the PPC, nationally known as the Progressive Party, is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut.

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T-3 advised that the only people recognized by the Informant from Connecticut at the funeral for the ROSENBERGS which was sponsored by the NCSJRC on 6/21/53 in New York City were either Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that CHARLOTTE RICHTER was directing the activities of the NCSJRC in Bridgeport, Connecticut as of 6/5/53.

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Confidential Informant T-11 advised that BERT MacLEECH sent \$10 to the NCSJRC in New York City on 7/17/53 to pay for "ROSENBERG Letters". The Informant was unable to advise what was meant by ROSENBERG letters.

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II. ACTIVITIES OF THE NCSJRC IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

[REDACTED]

T-1 advised that the Connecticut Peace Council was infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut.

(b) 7(d)

Confidential Informant T-2 furnished a leaflet published by the NCSJRC entitled "Electric Chair Can't Kill the Doubts in the Rosenberg Case". This leaflet attempted to show that the ROSENBERGS had been convicted of espionage.

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T-4 advised that CHARLOTTE RICHTER received instructions from the National Committee of the NCSJAC in New York City on 6/15/53 concerning the sending of a delegation from Bridgeport, Conn. to Washington, D.C. to picket the White House in an effort to obtain clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

T-4 advised that JOSEPHINE WILLARD and CHARLOTTE RICHTER attempted to get some people to send telegrams to the President of the United States on 6/16/53 urging clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

T-4 advised that CHARLOTTE RICHTER received instructions from the national headquarters of the NCSJAC in New York City on 6/17/53. The Informant stated that CHARLOTTE RICHTER was instructed to send pickets to Washington, D.C. on 6/18/53.

T-4 advised that CHARLOTTE RICHTER indicated to KATYA GILLEN on 6/17/53 that she believed that the delegations to Washington, D.C. to picket the White House had had a lot to do with the suspension of the execution of the ROSENBERGS.

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condemned the conviction of the ROSENBERGS and advocated various means of securing clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

T-6 advised that the People's Defense Committee was an organization formed by the Communist Party leaders in Connecticut to raise funds for the defense of persons indicted under the Smith Act.

Confidential Informant T-8 furnished a letter published by the People's Defense Committee, 23 Temple St., New Haven, Conn. which was signed by DANIEL HOWARD and Dr. JOHN MARSALKA as Co-Chairmen. This letter included a clemency petition which was to be circulated and directed to the President of the United States requesting clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

  
Confidential Informant T-9 advised on 6/15/53 that DON ROTENBERG, identified by the informant as national functionary of the NCSJRC, was calling a mass lobby in Washington, D.C. for 6/18/53 which was to agitate for clemency for the ROSENBERGS. b3 d

T-4 advised on 6/15/53 that a delegation from Connecticut would go to Washington on 6/18/53 to picket for clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

Confidential Informant T-10 furnished a mimeographed letter dated 1/6/53 from the NCSJRC, 23 Temple St., New Haven, Conn. This letter was entitled "The Rosenbergs Must Not Die". This leaflet attempted to show reasons why the ROSENBERGS had been unjustly convicted.



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NEW HAVEN DIVISION

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the instant organization in six months.

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T-3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR. (W)	[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA EDWARD WHALEN (W)	[REDACTED]
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USED TO DOCUMENT PEOPLES' DEFENSE COMMITTEE

T-7

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA HAROLD SWANSON (O)	[REDACTED]
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T-8 [REDACTED]	Comm.	6/15/53	SA RICHARD CROMMELL (W)	[REDACTED]
T-9 WF-550-S*	6/15/53	6/15/53		
T-10 [REDACTED]	1/6/53	4/7/53	SA JOHN E. KELLY (W)	[REDACTED]
T-11 [REDACTED]	7/17/53	8/14/53	SA CHARLES CRAVEN (O)	[REDACTED]
Auditing Dept., First National Bank and Trust Co., Bridgeport, Conn., who requested that his identity be kept confidential.				
T-12 [REDACTED]	USED TO DOCUMENT PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CONNECTICUT			

REFERENCE:

Report of SA JOHN T. PRYOR at New Haven, 3/19/53.

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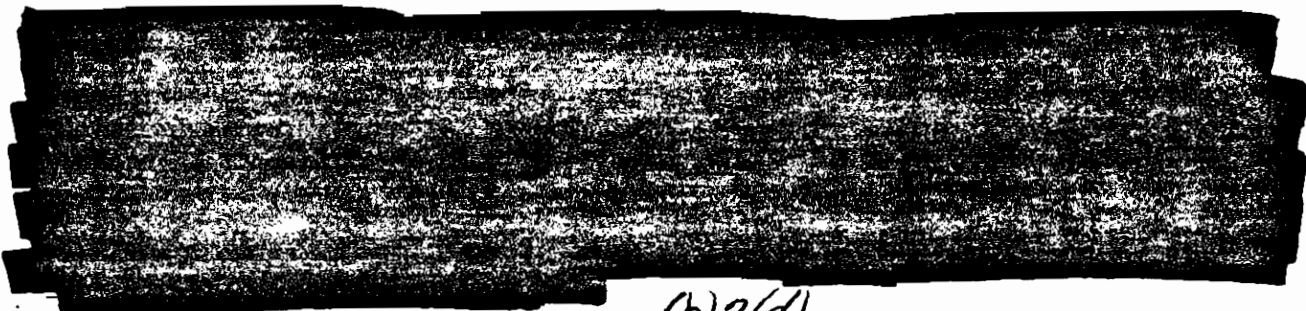
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TITLE <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



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DETAILS:

At Miami, Florida

- OFFICERS -

On September 1, 1953, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, stated the following individuals are officers of the Miami Chapter of subject organization:

- Chairmen - CHARLES F. ERNE
- Secretary - LILLIAN NOVIKOFF
- Treasurer - RUTH SCHENKER

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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, reported on June 27, 1949, that CHARLES FREDERICK EYRE was in possession of a CP membership book number 77345 in the TOM PAINE Club, Baltimore, Maryland, on that date.

On August 7, 1952, EYRE, upon being interviewed by Special Agents MELVIN McRAE JETT and JOSEPH A. ARJINE, Miami, denied ever having to his knowledge been a member of the CP although he had been solicited to join. He expressed the belief his name may have been entered on the CP rolls without his knowledge.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, reported on August 17, 1950, that the name LILLIAN NOVIKOFF, 3120 S. W. 20th Street, Miami, Florida, appeared in a Progressive Party membership list.

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T-1 stated subject organization is now carrying on a campaign in behalf of MORTON SOBELL in which funds are being solicited for aid in obtaining an appeal for SOBELL. Also, the organization is seeking funds in order to set up a trust fund for the ROSENBERG children.

- LITERATURE -

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1. Copy of petition addressed to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER to spare the lives of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

2. 13-page pamphlet entitled "New Evidence in the Rosenberg Case".

3. Letter dated 7-20-53 sent by Miami Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs to newspapers in Miami Area. This was an appeal to Memorial.

4. Letter dated 6-19-53 signed by DAVID ALMAN concerning the ROSENBERGS.

5. Pamphlet entitled "The Rosenberg's: A Full Measure of

6. Letter signed by JOSEPH BRAININ, Chairman, concerning trust fund for MICHAEL and ROBERT ROSENBERG.

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THE MIAMI DIVISION

At Miami, Florida

Will continue to follow and report activities of Miami Chapter of subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR., Miami, 6-1-53.

Report of SAA EDWARD J. CAHILL, New York, 8-6-53.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: SEP 9 1953

FROM: SAC, [REDACTED] b7d

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Origin - New York

The following quoted typewritten report was furnished by [REDACTED] on 8/17/53 to [REDACTED]. This report is being maintained in [REDACTED]. The reliability of [REDACTED] has not been established as yet; however, there has been no reason to doubt the veracity of the information [REDACTED] has furnished thus far. b7d

The typewritten report concerns the Eastern Seaboard Conference of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSEBERG case. This Conference was held on August 15 and 16, 1953 in New York City. [REDACTED] b7d

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CC: 1 - New York (100-107111) (Encls. 7) (Reg. Mail)

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[REDACTED] also furnished an admission card necessary for attendance at the Conference and this is being retained in [REDACTED]. He also furnished a copy of the 8/17/53 issue of the "National Guardian," which is being retained in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also furnished additional pieces of literature described hereinafter and which are being forwarded herewith to New York. It is to be noted that in the report quoted below the correct spelling of the individual referred to [REDACTED]

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The report is as follows:

"Eastern Seaboard Conference of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case - August 15, 1953  
Manhattan Towers 77th & Broadway

"Attendance - 125 to 150

"Of that number the following are identified:

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"The above spoke to the conference from the stage.

The above were acquaintances - did not speak to conference.

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Remarks of speakers

Helen Sobell

"We understand Justice Douglas when he says, 'I know deep down in my heart I am right.' My husband writes to me, (quoted from letter) 'How could they do this to the Rosenbergs? It is murder - crime - there are worse things than facing death when you know you are innocent and your cause is just. It is a proud thing to walk and proclaim your innocence - it cost Julius and Ethel their lives.' (unquote) A young engineer on the Voice of America said, 'Once they set the dogs upon you everything in your life is suspect'. We are innocent - on the evidence presented in the case (table papers) an appeal is now pending in the Circuit Court. - One more Supreme Court Justice is needed. This is a conspiracy case where what is aid reflects on each defendant. - a petition on re-hearing in light of Douglas' opinion that trial was dominated by the atomic bomb. Possibility of a Habeus Corpus in 9th Circuit Court in California - supposedly most liberal court. The title 'Atom Spies' used fraudulently by newspapers to frighten everyone. Morton Sobell's crime not done in time of war and can not be tried even under Espionage Act. - Good work can reduce a 20 year sentence to 17 years. - must fight for little things. - justice will be done when Morton Sobell walks free. We must take the facts to each person - to our friends - and to their friends. As long as my husband is in prison you can not be free - what happened to us can happen to you.

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"Emily Alman (first of two talks)  
(summary of her remarks - not actual wording)

"Discussed period from 1950 to 1953. She said the United States in 1950 was promoting war abroad and terror at home. Concentration camps built in 1950 - government announced intentions to fill concentration camps. The Rosenberg case began fight against those (govt.) who would subvert America. Rosenbergs were deliberately executed slowly in hopes that in their last agonizing moments they might confess. All petitions sent to White House were taken over by F. B. I. and screened. People were changing in their beliefs as the information was gotten to them. Commented on Judge Kaufman - his education by priests - his excellence in Christian education - his being called Pope Kaufman - his not feeling better about his decision until he had gone to Florida and caught a big fish.

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"Remarks of Mrs. Jean Franchis - Philadelphia

"I wish to call your attention to an article in the Monthly Review which tells of two men who murdered a trucker in 1950. They have been granted a stay of execution by one Supreme Court Justice - Jackson. But Justice Douglas could not do the same for the Rosenbergs. I, myself, have always felt that they were innocent. The government and press will continue to lie about the true facts in the case - we must carry the truth to everyone. People were helpful in the last days - these broad forces of people who helped us in the last days of the Rosenberg case will be the basis for our new work.

"Workers at large plants in the Philadelphia area were responsive to leaflets. The Quakers were very helpful. They told members to telephone and wire American Civil Liberties Union. Philadelphia organization was first to make a complete record of case. American Jewish Congress gave orders not to do anything for Rosenbergs. House to house distribution was satisfactory. - trade union

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"movement was mobilized. Philadelphia forces want to move on - planning large meeting in September with Prof. Love. My personal case in court will help mobilize the people for action on the Sobell case.

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"Remarks by speaker from New Jersey - 5'7" - 140 - 150 lbs.

"People demoralized since 1948. Rosenberg motorcade in Newark included two F. B. I. cars with cameras. This did not frighten us. Later motorcade had many more cars in it despite presence of F. B. I. cars.

"We can help Sobell by approaching labor and telling them they are shackled by the 'big lie'. Rosenbergs were framed up. Our job is to bring literature on a higher level. Jewish papers afraid of truth.

"Our committee is very weak. We did not have cooperation of negro people - we would have more success if negros were incorporated into committee leadership. Rosenberg leaflets will not be printed unless approved by members of organized labor. I am impressed with the 'Atomic Myth'. (book by Bill Rubin supposedly exposing frame-up of Rosenbergs) The whole business is a lie.

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"John Stone - Washington D. C.

"Spoke on Constitution and how it is supposed to guarantee the rights of the people.

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"Nan Petro - New York - street speaker - about 45 yrs. - female

"If we talk to people on street corners with view that the jeerers are betrayed, unhappy people these people will slowly change. There was a sedition trial in England in 1790 and two men were sentenced to be deported to a far off place - funds were raised in the United States to send a vessel to intercept prison ship. The two prisoners were George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

"People who listen on street corners are to be commended for their courage in listening - they change after listening for a while. It is the most self-satisfying work I know.

"Woman from Syracuse was called to everyone's attention but she did not speak. About 55 yrs. - greyish black hair - 5'4" - wore glasses.

"Speaker from Buffalo - female - 26 yrs. - 5'5" - dark brown hair.

"I just want to say that some of the things I have heard here are really inspiring. In Buffalo there were only two of us carrying on the Rosenberg fight.

"Speaker from Baltimore - female - 34 yrs. - 5'6" - dark brown hair

"People who were favorable to the Rosenbergs are the ones we must return to in the case of Morton Sobell.

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"Earl Price - New York - 6' - 165 lbs. - round  
shouldered - black hair

"I have a few suggestions which will probably not be liked  
by everyone but I think they should be made and carried out.

"We should change our name to 'Committee to Free Sobell  
and Vindicate the Rosenberg'. We should abandon the  
'grave doubts' attitude upon which the committee was formed,  
thus being able to reach more people. Forget about the  
mercy angle - we do not want mercy - we want justice.

"We were too co-operative with the law - when they  
switched off the loudspeaker system we let them. I was  
with the Ossining delegation. Our committee was afraid -  
If we ~~want~~ to fight for Sobell let's take a look at  
ourselves - did we really fight for the Rosenberg.  
If we don't change our tactics Sobell will rot -

"Let's not restrict ourselves to prayer meetings - an  
emergency demonstration at the White House soon is not  
impossible. We should start hitting the White House now.  
No more business as usual campaigns.

"A secret was impounded at the trial - let's open it up  
and the Rosenbergs will be vindicated. We made the mistake  
of impounding a secret.

"Let's be brazen - let's say the case was a political fight -  
a case of a government using hysteria against the people.  
It was not just anti-Semitism. Let's tell everybody the  
real facts, not secret issues like anti-Semitism. Let's  
not be so proud of the little things we did. Let's  
do our duty without any holds barred.

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"Emily Alman

"There were several good lawyers who helped us in the Rosenberg case - we will form a legal Committee for Morton Sobell. We must make no mistakes in the Morton Sobell case.

"I do not agree with Mr. Price when he says 'let us not be proud of the little things we did' upon which his entire remarks were probably based. We must do three things - we must neutralize the people; we must win them over to our side; we must then educate them to the framed-up nature of the case. We are not fighting local hacks or Judge Kaufman or lawyers. We are fighting the government. If you attack an enemy where he is weakest you win a big victory - if you attack an enemy where he is strongest and win you have won a battle. - We know which ads brought the response. With the shop workers we tried to be militant, calling frame-up, it didn't work. Humanitarianism began to win them over; statements by Einstein, Urey, helped soften the people. Phrases and action that will bring, carry, sway other people with you. We 150 represent 3,000,00 petitions, 3,000,00 potentials. You can't yell at people - you must work with them and lead them. Although mistakes were made the Sobell case should be conducted along the lines of the Rosenbergs case. We have a responsibility of bringing Sobell to the public and the public to Sobell.

"I am suggesting that whatever happens, happens because of the theory and ideology of the Sobell case, not mechanical means such as picketing or spitting in an officer's face.

"People are aware of the Rosenberg case. \$50,000 worth of ads were printed for the Rosenbergs. Learn to bring people with you. Isolate the enemy - the government of the United States.

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"On the 20th of June there was no crime committed anywhere but the execution of the Rosenbergs. Every Rosenberg leaflet approved was tested on the people. Let us work from 3,000,00 for the Rosenbergs to 6, 9, and 12,000,00 for Sobell.

"Hear what the person has to say - people are decent. We are fighting for and with the American people, as were the Rosenbergs. Approach people not with the attitude they are dirty reactionaries, but with the idea they are decent people who don't know the truth.

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"Sue Trachman - Queens

"I agree with what Emily Alman says and I also disagree with Mr. Price. I was in Washington. I was at the funeral. (her comments along same lines as several others)

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"Urey Sewell - Writer of a book on Jewish history in U. S.

"The one segment which I think has been overlooked is the Jewish segment. The only area in the United States which stood together for clemency for the Rosenbergs was the Jewish press. - unprecedented step by the Jewish Day in appealing for clemency. Even the Jewish labor paper, Justice, came out for clemency. (remarked on several editorials in Jewish papers) We are gathered to evaluate past activities and correct mistakes and go on from here and grow stronger.

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"Bill Rubin - author of forthcoming book. 'Atom Spy Myth', supposedly revealing frame-up of the Rosenbergs. 5'10" - 180 lbs - dark blond hair, balding on sides - 35 yrs.

"It is impossible to steal the secret of the atom bomb. We must try to find what Sobell was doing in Mexico - why was he using phony names? These are the things we must make clear to everyone. We must meet the case head-on without being dishonest with ourselves or we may as well forget about Morton Sobell.

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"Ted Jacobs - Publicity director - 25-30 yrs. - 5'11" - black hair - 180 lbs.

"Eisenhower and aides knew if the execution was delayed longer there would be no execution at all. Last Randall's Island rally disclosed new Rosenberg evidence which could not be ignored by press. Another Rally will be held at Randall's Island stadium Sept. 16, 7:30 P.M. A Rosenberg journal is being prepared which will be presented at Randall's Island. There will be pages open for people who wish to express themselves.

"Other information

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7. A leaflet entitled "Bronx Rosenberg Rally" announcing a rally to be held 8/19/53 in Bronx, N. Y.

The above report is being furnished the Bureau and other Field Divisions from where individuals attended the Conference. It is suggested that Field Offices receiving copies of this letter review the above information and, if able to tentatively identify any of the unknown individuals, photographs should be sent to the [redacted] to exhibit to [redacted] for possible identification of such individuals.

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